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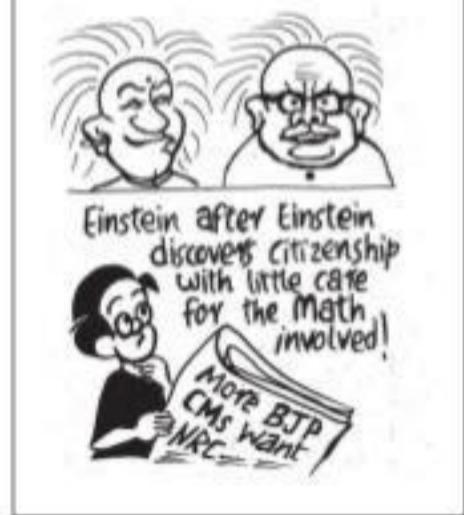


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HIS SRINAGAR HOME TO BE A SUBSIDIARY JAIL

After plea seeks presence of Farooq, Govt slaps PSA, prolongs his detention

BABAARAT MASOOD, DEEPTIMAN TIWARY & ANANTHAKRISHNANG SRINAGAR, NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16



PM with the Abdullahs before the Aug 5 decision. File

THE J&K administration has slapped the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) on detained former Chief Minister and National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, describing him as a "threat to public order" as the lockdown in the Valley entered its 40th day. Under this law, Abdullah may remain under detention up to a year, if not more, at his Srinagar home which has now been designated a subsidiary jail.

Sources said Abdullah's detention — he has been under

house arrest since the August 5 announcement ending J&K's special status — was brought under the PSA Sunday and was

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PUBLIC? SAFETY?

Move to book Farooq under PSA shows arbitrariness, lack of plan to address J&K crisis

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Pulwama to Aug 5: HC indicted Govt for PSA arrests — in 80% cases

KAUNAIN SHERIFF M NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THERE IS no official count but since August 5, as many as 4,000 people are said to have been detained in Jammu and Kashmir, almost 300 under the draconian Public Safety Act. Yet, because of the continuing lockdown, there have been barely a dozen habeas corpus petitions — pleas challenging the detention and asking the government to produce the detainee in court.

In sharp contrast, since the Pulwama attack on February 14 and until August 4, records accessed by *The Indian Express* show, that as many as 150 habeas corpus petitions were filed in the Srinagar bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court. Of these, verdicts came in 39 cases — in almost 80 per cent, the court quashed the detention and ordered the release of the detainee. All these pleas involved those booked under the PSA.

Records show that the High Court's indictment — as per the law laid down by the Supreme Court — quashed the detention

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PSA often extended

UNDER THE PSA, any person, if detained for being a threat to public order, can be kept behind bars for three months to one year. If the charges are brought under "threat to security of the state", it may be for six months to two years. People have been detained for years since a fresh order is issued when it runs out.

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orders broadly on six grounds: violation of Constitutional rights; serious procedural lapses; no

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Sonia Dhawan in court last October. Express

Formidable reasons for J&K curbs, but ensure normalcy returns: SC

ANANTHAKRISHNANG NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE SUPREME Court Monday asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to "ensure that normal life is restored in Kashmir... keeping in mind the national interest" though it saw "formidable reasons" behind the government move to impose re-

strictions over the revocation of the special status of the state under Article 370 of the Constitution.

Hearing a clutch of petitions, the bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer allowed Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad to visit four districts in J&K after he gave an undertaking that he will not hold any rally

or indulge in political activity during the visit. It also said CPM leader Mohammad Yousef Tarigami, who had been discharged from AIIMS in New Delhi, was free to return home.

Told by a lawyer that people

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Mediators seek SC direction on Ayodhya talks alongside hearing

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Waqf Board, and Dharam Das of the Nirvan Akhara, have called for resumption of the mediation process.

Sources confirmed that the mediators have sought directions from the court on the way ahead. Currently, day-to-day hearings in the Ayodhya matter are being held before the five-member Constitution Bench. One of the two letters has suggested hearings from Monday to Friday and mediation on Saturday and Sunday.

The Sunni Waqf Board,

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This is the elephant...

Praveen Khanna

...officials are looking for

Delhi's last elephant was reported missing, triggered nationwide alert

SHIVAM PATEL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A MISSING elephant that had the Delhi Police and wildlife officials on its tail for over two months, with a nationwide alert being sounded in July, has been kept in hiding in the National capital all along.

The 35-year-old elephant, Laxmi, was reported missing on July 6 from the banks of the Yamuna near ITO, after its mahout fled with it. Delhi wildlife officials, who had gone to seize the elephant, got embroiled in a scuffle with the family that took care of Laxmi.

More than two months later, *The Indian Express* Monday met the elephant's owner Yusuf Ali (45), who was with Laxmi in Delhi. Evading arrest at the moment, Ali said

he and Laxmi never left the capital.

"After the incident on July 6, we went into hiding. I hid Laxmi in the forests near the banks of the Yamuna for a few days while I kept shifting homes, staying with my relatives here," Ali claimed.

"A few days later, one of my friends said he has a large farmhouse where I can keep Laxmi, and it has been there ever since. I take it out every evening for a walk for about an hour or two."

Ali said he spent the past two weeks hiding from police and changing his phone numbers. He said he would occasionally step out of hiding to buy food for Laxmi and meet his family. "It has been a very difficult time. I had to take proper care of Laxmi and it was

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Trump to attend Howdy, Modi!, PM says sign of special friendship



Will be present in Houston on September 22

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

US PRESIDENT Donald Trump will join Prime Minister Narendra Modi at "Howdy, Modi!", the Indian community event in Houston on September 22.

Confirming Trump's participation, White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham, in a statement, said: "It will be a great opportunity to emphasise the strong ties between the people of the US and India, to reaffirm the strategic partnership between the world's oldest and largest democracies, and to discuss ways to deepen their energy and trade relationship."

The Indian Express had reported on Sunday that Trump may join Modi for the event.

Modi said he looked forward to joining the Indian-origin community in welcoming Trump at the programme. "A special gesture by @POTUS, signifying the special friendship between India and USA... highlights the strength of the relationship and

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GDP growth falling to 5% a surprise, we are analysing why, says RBI GovernorENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

RESERVE BANK Governor Shaktikanta Das said here Monday that the decline in growth rate to 5 per cent in the first quarter (April-June of 2019) is "a surprise" and the central bank is analysing "why exactly it has happened".

The Governor also said the

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GOVT MUST SPEND TO GROW

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RBI is monitoring 50 top non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and, in the case of a few

NBFCs, it's doing a "further deep dive" to see exactly what is happening in the sector.

"The numbers definitely look much worse because in the first quarter we had projected 5.8 per cent and I think almost everybody had projected not below 5.5 or so. But the number of 5 per cent is a surprise. So we are analysing why exactly it has happened," he told CNBC-TV18.

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US LOCKED AND LOADED AFTER SAUDI OIL ATTACK: TRUMP

BLASPHEMY: RIOTS IN PAK, 218 BOOKED
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scheme's official website.

The third instalment is due between August 1 and November 30, and a total of 94.88 lakh farmers across the country have been paid Rs 2,000 each so far. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Telangana are the top three states, having disbursed the third instalment to almost 16.35 lakh, 13.99 lakh and 11.03 lakh farmers, respectively. Concerned about a slowing

economy, and particularly with flagging rural demand, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is learnt to have directed her officials to find the reasons for the delay in payments from the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

"We have asked the Agriculture Secretary to look into this, and provide us a status in slow-moving states and expedite payments," said an

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ANCHOR**Indian restaurant owner helped Greek scientist crack sports tech**MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

IN EARLY 2008, a Greek scientist, who is a food connoisseur, and an Indian restaurateur, with special interest in the science of sport, met in Glasgow. Over naan, curry and wine, they spoke endlessly about the role of genetics in sport. Eventually, in March that year, they set off for Jamaica where the scientist's brains and the gourmet's money led to one of the most definitive works of research on the Caribbean island's sprinting legacy.

Today, Yannis Pitsiladis is in the news for his latest innovation: a technology that will investigate the effect of extreme weather conditions on elite athletes in real-time using a smart wristband, which he is developing, and an electronic pill. He is hoping the technology will be ready in time for next year's Olympics to "protect athletes, fans and officials from weather conditions that could make competition quite dangerous".

At the same time, the 52-year-old recalls with great affection that chance meeting 11 years ago with Neki Sumal, the owner of Balbir's, a fine-dining



Yannis Pitsiladis (right) with Neki Sumal in Jamaica in 2008

We used to sit down a lot and I just kept questioning his research and he kept giving answers."

In the decade since then, Pitsiladis went on to author pioneering studies on some of the biggest issues in sport — from anti-doping to transgender and intersex athletes — and now sits on the medical commission of the International Olympic Committee as well as on an expert panel on the conditions in Tokyo for Olympics 2020.

His work is considered provocative and path-breaking: be it genetics or the ambitious sub-two project — a quest to make a human run a marathon

inside 2 hours, within rules, without the use of performance-enhancing drugs and with the assistance of technology.

"We should definitely use technology as a means to make sport exciting and safer. Most importantly, such innovations detract the athlete from going down the drug route," he says.

In this context, Pitsiladis refers to the Chandrayaan-2 mission. "India has a very successful, pioneering space industry. When you send a rocket into space, you want to see everything that's happening to that rocket. That is how one can basically look after that rocket. So

why not apply the same effort and innovation with humans who send rockets into space or Mars or the Moon?" he asks.

Born in Australia after his father migrated following World War 2, Pitsiladis hoped to become an Olympic volleyball player for Greece. Instead, a major chunk of the last three decades have been spent on research at laboratories in England and Scotland.

Simultaneously, he went on expeditions to East Africa and Jamaica to investigate the role of genes in influencing sporting abilities, collecting DNA samples

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India skipper Virat Kohli has moved back to the No. 1 position in the ICC Test Batting Rankings after defeating Australia's Steve Smith once again in the third Test.

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**MAMATA'S SITI: ONE OF ASSAM'S MOST LOVED POEMS SET TO GET REEL REBIRTH**

From recitations in auditoriums of schools and colleges across Assam to a full-length feature film next year, the journey of Hem Barua's Mamata's Siti, one of Assam's most loved poems. The poem has been making men, women and children tear up for years now

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Radhika Apte in a selfie interview with indianexpress.com

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What you need to know in the Chinmayanand case

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FROM PAGE ONE**Ensure normalcy**

in J&K cannot access the High Court there, CJI Gogoi called it a "serious matter" and sought a report from the HC. He said "if required, I will go personally and check... I will speak to the Chief Justice... if it's not correct, be ready to bear the consequences".

On returning normalcy in the state, the bench directed: "The State of Jammu & Kashmir, keeping in mind the national interest and internal security, shall make all endeavour to ensure that normal life is restored in Kashmir; people have access to healthcare facilities and schools, colleges and other educational institutions and public transport functions and operates normally. All forms of communication, subject to overriding consideration of national security, shall be normalised, if required on a selective basis, partic-

ularly for healthcare facilities."

The bench asked the Centre and J&K administration to put in affidavits whatever they have to say, and also respond to petitions filed in the context of the situation post August 5 when the Centre announced its J&K move.

Appearing for the Centre and J&K, Attorney General K K Venugopal and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta referred to statistics on killings and terror attacks post 1990 — when Kashmiri Pandits were forced to flee the Valley — to justify the restrictions after the August 5 announcement.

This made Justice Bobde note "these are formidable reasons... These are security matters". Venugopal said "during the last 70 years, the law and order situation in J&K has been extremely volatile on account of the violence orchestrated by terrorists being

pushed from across the border as well as local militants. Since 1990, 41,866 persons have lost their lives in 7,038 incidents of terrorist violence. This includes 14,038 civilians, 5,292 personnel of security forces and 22,536 terrorists".

Mehta said "we are dealing with an unprecedented situation".

Rejecting the charge that the local population was finding it difficult to even access hospitals, Mehta reeled out statistics of those who had availed medical facilities in Kashmir since August 5. He said 10.52 lakh patients attended OPDs in Kashmir hospitals up to September 15, while 67,196 patients visited indoor patient departments in various government-run healthcare institutions and doctors successfully performed 10,699 major surgeries including caesarean sections and 53,297 minor surgeries in various hospitals.

On why the restrictions became necessary, the government said when the decisions on Article 370 were taken on August 5, "it was clear that the persons who had been in power over long number of years in the state as well as the separatists whose very commanding position would be jeopardised... they would not hesitate to attempt to ensure that the law and order situation deteriorates... the restrictions are only temporary in character... we are approaching a stage when no such restrictions may be necessary".

Mehta pointed out that as of September 15, prohibitory orders under Section 144 of Jammu and Kashmir CrPC have been removed in 93 out of 105 police stations in Kashmir division, all 90 police stations in Jammu division and all 7 police stations in Ladakh division.

Venugopal and Mehta were responding to submissions by advocate Vrinda Grover who appeared for petitioner Anuradha Bhasin, Executive Editor of the Kashmir Times newspaper. She contended that the daily had still not been able to publish from Srinagar and that life and communication continued to be crippled in Kashmir. At this, Venugopal said many other papers were being published from Srinagar.

The bench, which also heard a writ of habeas corpus by CPM general secretary Sitaram Yechury, said his party colleague "Mohammad Yousaf Tarigami will be at liberty to move to Srinagar as and when he feels that his health condition would enable him to undertake the journey".

On the plea by child rights activist Ekakshi Ganguly and former National Commission for Child Rights Chairperson Shanta Sinha, who highlighted the condition of children in J&K as reported in the media and sought the court's intervention, CJI Gogoi asked senior advocate H Ahmadi why he hadn't moved the J&K High Court. Citing the lockdown, the counsel said this had made it difficult for people to access the court.

The CJI said it was a "serious matter. If people can't approach HC, we will have to do something about it". Asking the HC to file a report, the CJI observed that "if required, I will go personally and check".

When the counsel said that it was on account of the shutdown in Kashmir, the CJI said "it's a very, very serious issue... I will speak to the Chief Justice... if it's not correct, be ready to bear the consequences".

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This is in contrast to Sharma's allegations last year, when he told police that data allegedly stolen by Dhawan and others could have been used by "an enemy to blackmail us and set up a company similar to Paytm". This was Sonia Dhawan's ambition. Because... she

After SC plea, Govt slaps PSA on Farooq

ratified within hours by the advisory board which had weeks to confirm the government order. The move came four days after Rajya Sabha MP and J&K leader Vaiko filed a writ of habeas corpus, questioning Abdulla's detention and urging the Supreme Court to seek his production.

A three-term Chief Minister and a former Union Minister, Abdullah, the current Srinagar MP, is the first high-profile leader to be booked under the PSA since the August 5 announcement — bureaucrat-turned-politician Shah Faesal had been detained earlier under PSA after he was stopped at Delhi airport from flying abroad. Abdullah's son Omar Abdullah and PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti, both former CMs, are also under detention.

On Monday, Vaiko sought production of Abdullah who could not make it to a seminar in Chennai. On his plea, the

bench of Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi and Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer issued notice to the Centre and J&K administration: "Issue notice returnable on 30.9.2019".

Senior advocate Ajmal Khan, appearing for Vaiko, told the bench that there were conflicting statements on Farooq. He said while Union Home Minister Amit Shah had stated that Abdullah was not under detention, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval had said that he was under detention.

The CJJ then asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta "is he (Abdullah) under detention?". Mehta replied that he will have to seek instructions to answer the query.

Khan was referring to Amit Shah's statement in Parliament that Abdullah was not under detention.

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made it clear thrice, Farooq Abdulla is at his home, he is not under house arrest, he is not under detention. He is in good health, 'mau-masti mein hain, unk na hain ahaai hai gun kanch-patti par rakh kar bahar nahi la sakte hum' (he is happy and cheerful, if he doesn't want to come then we cannot make him do so at gun-point)".

In his plea, Vaiko contended that the Centre and J&K administration "have imposed an 'undeclared emergency' in the State of Jammu and Kashmir and have placed an entire state in lockdown for the past one month and has further dealt a body-blow by arresting democratically elected representatives who were instrumental in strengthening democracy in the state".

He said "this is a 'conflict between power and liberty' and the constitutional courts of the land ought to act as a 'check and balance' when the executive il-

legally usurps fundamental rights of lakhs of citizens... under the false pretext of national security and integrity".

Contesting his submission, Solicitor General Mehta said Vaiko did not have any locus standi in the matter. Abdulla's family, he said, had already approached the J&K High Court and "he (Vaiko) does not have any authorisation".

In his plea, Vaiko contended

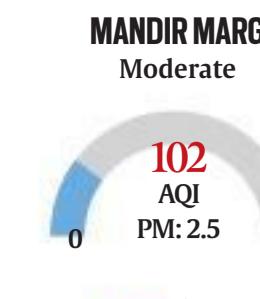
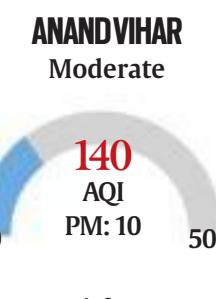
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Delhi-Istanbul flyers land to find baggage missing

PRANAV MUKUL
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

LEAVING SEVERAL passengers in a fix, checked-in baggage on "a few" of IndiGo's Delhi-Istanbul flights was left behind on account of "exceptionally heavy headwinds" on the route.

The Gurgaon-based airline operates two daily flights from Delhi to the Turkish capital – one of which is on the Airbus A320neo aircraft with 180/186 seats and the other is on the larger A321neo with seating capacity of 222.

"Unfortunately, due to the exceptionally heavy headwind, we had certain payload restric-

tions on a few flights to Istanbul which led to offloading of a limited number of checked-in baggage. In light of these limitations, we have upgraded our aircraft and adjusted the payload as long as the prevailing wind conditions remain, so all the left behind baggage will be carried today. We regret the inconvenience caused to our passengers," IndiGo said in a statement Monday.

The issue came to light Monday after a Twitter user, Chinmay Dabke, posted his plight on the microblogging site. "Just flew in on @IndiGo6E flight 6E 11 from Delhi to Istanbul last evening. We received this piece of paper when



IndiGo cited 'heavy headwind, which led to offloading of a limited number of checked-in baggage'. Archive

we were waiting for our luggage at the belt. The airline did not load the luggage of the ENTIRE FLIGHT. Not a single passenger got their luggage... My father has his necessary medication in his luggage. He is a diabetes patient who needs his daily dose. Some other travelers were on connecting flights to their end destinations in different countries. What do these folks do?"

Typically, when aircraft fly into headwinds, they consume more fuel. To operate a non-stop flight on a route with heavy headwinds, an aircraft needs to carry higher amount of fuel, especially for those with a distance that is on the higher end of the

aircraft's flying range. Notably, the flight Dabke said he was on – 6E11 – is operated on the A321neo plane, the largest in IndiGo's fleet.

Ameya Joshi, a former aviation industry professional dealing with network planning and founder of the aviation analysis blog NetworkThoughts, said: "As the airline plans to expand with its A321neo, this is one factor which could make or break customer loyalty. At low fares, customers still want their baggage with them. And in a country where customers don't know Airbus from a Boeing, explaining that headwinds caused their luggage to be offloaded may not be taken kindly at all."

HELPED MAN GET PAST IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

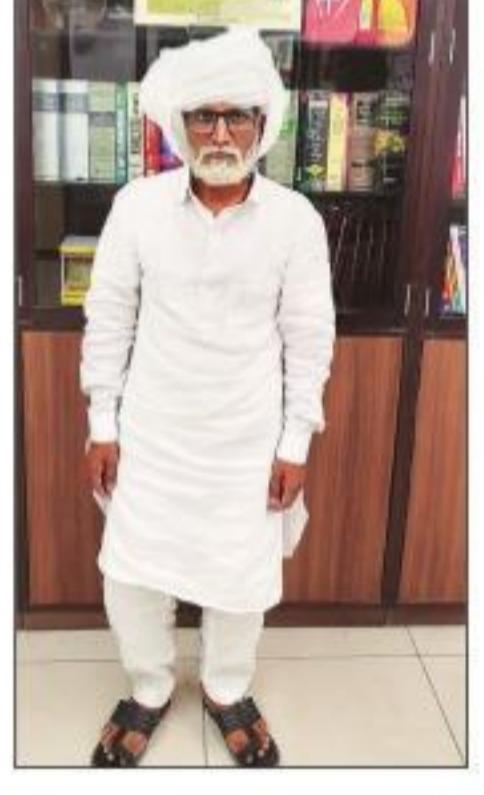
Billu Barber, makeup artist who helped 32-yr-old look like man in his 80s, held

JIGNASA SINHA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A MAKEUP artist who runs a salon in Patel Nagar, and goes by the moniker "Billu Barber", was arrested for allegedly helping a 32-year-old man pose as an octogenarian so he could get past immigration at Indira Gandhi International Airport on September 8.

Police said the makeup artist, Shamsher Singh (42), gave a drastic makeover to Jayesh Patel to make him look like an 81 year old so he could travel to the US on a fake passport. Patel was arrested after he was caught by CISF security personnel.

"During initial questioning, Patel said a makeup artist had come to his hotel in Paharganj. We searched several hotels but couldn't find the other accused. A Special Investigation Team was



(From left) Jayesh Patel, who posed as the elderly man, was arrested on September 8; makeup artist Shamsher Singh has a salon in Patel Nagar. Express

formed which found that Patel was taken to a hotel in Karol Bagh, where he stayed for three days. The team also scanned his call detail records. We finally traced the makeup artist and ar-

rested him from his Rohini residence on Sunday," said DCP (Airport) Sanjay Bhatia.

During investigation, police found that Patel was offered help by a gang, led by one Ashok

Kumar, who is absconding.

"Singh, who has been running the salon for more than 20 years, came in contact with one of Kumar's associates four months ago. They paid him Rs

20,000 and asked him to change the appearance of a man. Since then, Singh had been working with them... He would go to hotels, where the men would call their client for the makeover. Singh charged Rs 20,000 for each client," said a senior officer.

"We raided the salon and found grey wigs and other makeup accessories. In Patel's case, he used dye to colour his hair and beard, as well as other cosmetics to make him look considerably older. He has also helped at least 10 other people, including two women, to change their appearance and conceal their age or gender. We are looking at his clients to verify if they were involved in criminal cases," said Bhatia.

Patel told police that he had met two agents – one in Ahmedabad and another in Delhi. "The agents told Patel they could help him get a fake pass-

port so he could work in the US. "They told him he would have to look older, and took him to Singh's salon. They prepared a fake rent agreement and PAN card. Using Photoshop, they forged his Aadhaar card before arranging a fake passport. They then dropped Patel in a wheelchair near the airport on September 8," said an officer.

Police said Patel managed to cross the initial security check as well as immigration clearance at the airport, but was caught by a CISF officer during security check.

"Though Patel had dyed his hair, the CISF officer grew suspicious as his skin didn't look like that of an older man and his voice did not match his age. The officer also realised his hands didn't look like that of an older man either. Patel was then taken into police custody," said Bhatia.

Odd-even based on findings from foreign countries: Plea in NGT

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A PETITION has been filed in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) against the proposed implementation of the odd-even road rationing scheme in Delhi from November 4-15, claiming that its enforcement is based on findings of "foreign countries".

The petition, drawn and filed by advocate Gaurav Kumar Bansal, said an assessment by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) found that the ambient air quality in Delhi during the 2016 odd-even scheme had deteriorated.

"Country's top environment pollution control boards like CPCB (and) Delhi Pollution Control Committee have unequivocally stated that odd-even policy failed to curb the air pollution menace," the petition said.

"Stand of Delhi government



The scheme will come in force from Nov 4-15

to implement odd-even policy merely on a study done by people of other countries is not only unpleasant, but also downgrades the reputation of institutes like CPCB and DPCC," it added.

The scheme was announced a day after Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal met air pollution experts, who suggested that odd-even scheme be introduced as an emergency measure. The meeting was with experts from EPIC (Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago), India and WRI (World Resources Institute).


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Central Govt committed to promote SC/ST entrepreneurship for development of Northeast, Teli at MSME EPC Conference

Addressing the MSME Export Promotion Council Meet, the Union Minister informed that with a focus on the development of Handicrafts, Horticulture, Handloom and Food Processing, government has been implementing central schemes and providing modern infrastructure along with creating awareness about various policies for the progress of Northeast Region.



Rameswar Teli, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries inaugurating the Conclave (L to R) Dr. D. S. Rawat, Chairman, MSME EPC; C. Lalrosanga, Member of Parliament and P. Jawahar, Secretary, Commerce & Industry, Govt of Mizoram.

"The north eastern region has a huge potential to emerge as a hub for entrepreneurship," said Rameswar Teli, Union Minister for Food Processing Industries while inaugurating a day-long conference on SC-ST entrepreneurship organised by the MSME Export Promotion Council in Aizawl. "Financial benefits that are being provided under the National SC-ST Hub set up under the Ministry of MSME can provide a further fillip to the development," he added.

On his turn the Commerce and Industry

Minister of Mizoram, Dr. R. Lalhangliana observed, "The states provide tremendous opportunities and a conducive atmosphere for

growth and development." He further went on to assure the investors of his government's support and invited the council to help the industry in forestry, agriculture, handicrafts and horticulture sectors.

C. Lalrosanga, MP from Mizoram said, "Most of the entrepreneurs in the North East have an excellent understanding of their products and execution skills but there is evident lack of awareness on key aspects to start up building beyond that."

Dr. D. S. Rawat, Chairman, MSME EPC spoke about the Prime Minister's keenness on the development of North East. He further said, "Even though SC-ST together



Rameswar Teli Releasing a Study Report on 'North East SC/ST Entrepreneurship'



Dr. R. Lalhangliana, MoS for Commerce & Industry, Mizoram with distinguished Guests

MSME has been holding interactive sessions in the northeastern states with a view to create awareness about policies of the government and provide hand holding to the extent it is possible. ,



Dr. D. S. Rawat
Vice Chairman, Foundation for MSDGs

constitute a large portion of the population but their participation in business activities is low. This anomaly can only be done away with by increasing awareness of policies that benefit them."

The other speakers at the conference included the local MLAs, representatives from NSIC, NABARD, SIDBI, NSFDI and APEDA along with state government officials. Over 150 SC-ST entrepreneurs attended the event.

Dr. D. S. Rawat also informed the gathering that "The Global Start & Stand Up Summit" being organised by the MSME Export Promotion Council in Guwahati in January will provide a further fillip to entrepreneurship by providing active mentor support who can validate assumptions, help them with strategy and provide access to relevant networks.



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New Delhi: Three persons, including a couple, were arrested for allegedly duping people by impersonating officials of the crime branch in North West Delhi's Subhash Place. "A case was registered Sunday after a man alleged that the accused asked him to pay Rs 5 lakh and threatened to ruin his business if he did not pay," DCP(North West) Vijayanta Arya said.

Gardener held
for flashing
woman

New Delhi: A 25-year-old gardener was arrested for allegedly flashing a woman inside a park in South Delhi's CR Park earlier this month, police said.

Teen foils
kidnap bid

New Delhi: A 16-year-old boy foiled a kidnapping bid by attacking the alleged abductors with his metal bracelet. Police said a woman tried to distract the boy as a man tried to push him into a vehicle. The boy, however, hit him with his bracelet.

City to get 25
cluster buses

New Delhi: The city is set to get 25 more cluster buses this month. The new buses, manufactured by Tata Motors, have arrived and are undergoing tests, a government official said. The city is supposed to get 125 new cluster buses in September. ENS



LIGHT DRIZZLE

The fountains at Safdarjung Tomb have been made operational. Abhinav Saha

Mockery of judicial system: HC
on man who fled with his child

Pritam Pal Singh
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

which equal parental visiting rights were given to both the father and mother.

The bench said it will decide the quantum of sentence after hearing arguments from all parties. It also directed the CBI to probe who helped the man move out of India after the latter did not give custody of the girl to her mother.

The man took a flight to Bagdogra on August 24, from where he went to Nepal. Later, he moved to Dubai.

Meanwhile, one of the men, who had accompanied the minor's father on the flight till Dubai was asked to appear before the CBI for his statement.

The court had ordered con-

tempt proceedings against the man, a resident of South Delhi's Vasant Vihar, for wilfully violating orders. The order was issued after the mother, by way of a habeas corpus plea, sought production of her daughter aged about two-and-a-half years.

Senior counsel Dayan Krishnan and advocate Malavika Rajkotia, appearing for the mother, urged the court to allow the CBI to question the man who travelled with the minor's father on the fateful day.

Ripu Daman Bhardwaj, appearing for the CBI and MEA, told the court that a Red Corner Notice has been issued against the man.

BLOCK AT LOK NAYAK WILL GET AUTONOMY

Capital set to get full-fledged orthopaedics institute soon

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

LYING INACTIVE for almost 13 years, the orthopaedic block of Lok Nayak Hospital is set to be run as an autonomous institute under Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC). The facility, to be called the Delhi Institute of Orthopaedics (DIO), will be a specialised centre and will function along the lines of Guru Nanak Eye Centre.

The decision was taken after senior doctors from the hospital requested the department of health to give autonomy for smooth functioning of services.

At present, the department is operating from a seven-floor building situated on a campus that



Prem Nath Pandey

It will be called Delhi Institute of Orthopaedics

has little services to offer. There are 300 beds in the hospital, but only 80 beds are occupied due to unavailability of basic services.

"We moved to this building in 2006 and since then, no attention has been given to this department. We have the infrastructure but not the services meant to be offered to patients.

The block remains under-utilised," said a senior doctor from the hospital.

Dr Kishore Singh, medical director of Lok Nayak Hospital, said: "New facilities will be introduced for patients, we have given approval for the same."

According to sources, initial approval for construction of the building was given by the L-G in 1997. Subsequently, it was converted into a hi-tech project and expenditure sanction was increased to Rs 44.00 crore in November 1999. This was further increased to Rs 45.88 crore in February 2008. Several audit reports have raised queries over the hospital's non-functional block.

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CM invites Vardhan to join dengue campaign

it further down this year.

The AAP government's anti-dengue campaign was launched on September 1 and will continue till mid-November. It involves people checking for stagnant water in their houses and surroundings for 10 minutes at 10 am every Sunday, to prevent breeding of mosquitoes.

The CM informed that the Delhi government has directed its employees to participate in the campaign and check their homes at 10 am every Sunday and their offices at 11 am every Friday for stagnant water. "I would request you to issue a similar appeal to all central government employees since a large number of the Centre's officers and employees reside in the city," he wrote.

Around 171 dengue cases have been reported from the city so far.

City sees slight rise in malaria cases this year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

AS MANY as 247 cases of malaria have been reported from Delhi this year, a notch higher than the 225 cases reported in the corresponding period in 2018. This is as per a report compiled by the South MCD stated Monday.

Of the total cases this year, 93 have been reported within the first two weeks of the month.

Since cases of vector-borne diseases are usually reported between July and November, doctors have advised people to take precautionary measures to ensure there is no breeding of mosquito larvae.

"Mostly, cases of vector-borne diseases go up after September due to seasonal transi-

tions. But continuous efforts by doctors and the government to spread awareness about the disease has also led to better reporting of cases," said Dr S P Byotra, senior consultant, internal medicine, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital.

Mosquito-breeding has been reported in at least 1,19,852 households and 99,448 legal notices have been issued this year. Last year, 473 cases of malaria and 165 cases of chikungunya were reported.

The SMDM is also working towards declaring malaria a 'notifiable disease' in Delhi. A notifiable disease is one that is required by law to be reported to authorities. The collation of information allows authorities to monitor the disease and provide early warning of possible outbreaks.

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

MARTYRS OF 201 CoBRA

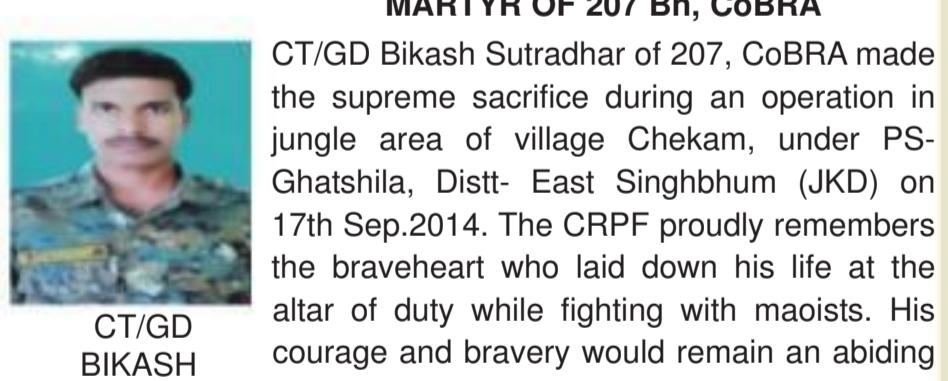


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Martyrs of 201 CoBRA, CRPF made supreme sacrifice during a search and destroy operation in the jungle area of village Gachhanpali and Endapara, under PS- Chintagupha, Distt- Sukma (C.G), on 17th Sep 2009 in a true act of valour. The brave soldiers will always be remembered for their patriotism and courage. To these brave martyrs we pledge that we shall always be guided by their immortal spirit and do their names proud.

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MARTYR OF 207 BN, CoBRA

CT/GD Bikash Sutradhar of 207, CoBRA made the supreme sacrifice during an operation in jungle area of village Chekam, under PS- Ghatshila, Distt- East Singhbhum (JKD) on 17th Sep 2014. The CRPF proudly remembers the braveheart who laid down his life at the altar of duty while fighting with Maoists. His courage and bravery would remain an abiding source of inspiration for the Force.

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4	Tender Paper Cost	Rs. 10000/-			
5	Class of Contractor	B & A, A & Special Class as applicable			
6	Period of Completion	12 (Twelve) to 24 (Twenty Four) Calendar Months as provided.			
7	Availability of bid document in the portal	From dt. 19.09.2019 at 11.00 Hours To dt. 03.10.2019 Upto 17.00 hours			
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10	Date & time of opening of technical bid	Technical Bid dt. 04.10.2019 at 11.30 AM in the O/O Executive Engineer, RWS&S, Division, Sundargarh.			
11	Date & time of opening of Financial Bid	To be announced later.			

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Executive Engineer,
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- Construction of Compound Wall in Front of Main Campus For Quarters At NVC, Nagpur. Id-2019_MAFSU_496645_1.(2nd Call)
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Note:-1) Please note that further changes regarding this work will not be published through corrigendum by Press Notice. The Changes will be available only on electronic tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University on the portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> only.

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University Engineer
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E-Tender Notice No: CM-I/Deluxe Pay & Use Toilet/BOT/ACOI-B/2019					
Date: 12.09.2019					
For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra invites e-tender on prescribed forms under single packet system for a period of 05 years from the interested parties for the following works. Details of tenders to be awarded:-					
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Cost of tender form (Including GST): ₹5900/- Time & date for the opening of tender: At 15:30 hrs. on 14.10.2019 Note: 1. E-tender forms shall be available on www.ireps.gov.in upto 15.00 hrs on 14.10.2					

To kick off culture fest, T M Krishna & music from margins

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

A PERFORMANCE by classical vocalist T M Krishna, along with members of a traditional community of transwomen musicians known as 'jogappas', will launch the Delhi government's cultural season on September 22, an official said Monday.

The performance, part of the government's 'Awam Ki Awaz' series, will be held at Central Park in Connaught Place. The series seeks to celebrate the ideas of communal harmony, equality, and the right to free speech and dissent.

"Krishna, along with the jogappas, who are members of a traditional community of

transwomen musicians, will perform at the concert. The jogappas, a transgender community, are found in North Karnataka, parts of Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra," the official added.

When contacted, Krishna confirmed that he is performing with the jogappas.

The Carnatic vocalist, who is also a recipient of the Ramon Magsaysay award, had performed in November last year at an event organised by the Delhi government, after the Airports Authority of India had scrapped an event featuring him, allegedly owing to backlash from Right-wing groups.

The CM had then said that the event would be "a statement against the forces who are trying to divide...India".

In pipeline: Single authority for e-vehicle registration

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

WITH A single-window for clearances – either from the transport or power departments, or power discoms – the Delhi government is looking to make the transition to electric vehicles and associated infrastructure simpler.

An action plan, which summarised suggestions that came up during a two-day-long workshop organised by Delhi government's advisory body Dialogue and Development Commission and Rocky Mountain Institute in June, was submitted to Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot Monday.

Under the electric vehicles push, around 45,000 e-vehicles may hit the city's roads in the next one year. Many of the suggestions are likely to be incorporated in the Electric Vehicle Policy being finalised by the Transport Department, a senior official said.

The report suggests that the Transport Department, power department, power discoms and other agencies concerned work together to create a single-win-

dow clearance system for both registration and approvals of electric vehicles, which shall also cover charging and battery swapping infrastructure approvals.

"The system should enable the submission of all required information at a single location or to a single nodal authority," states the report, while also pitching for the creation of an EV (electric vehicle) cell within the Delhi government to centralise and coordinate all EV-related activities for passenger and freight transport.

At the workshop in June, nine private players were shortlisted for deploying 35,000 electric and accessible passenger vehicles. In case of EVs for last-mile deliveries of food, parcels and other products, a working group comprising vehicle manufacturers, e-commerce companies among others was created to offer solutions.

Companies such as Zomato, Flipkart, Bigbasket, Uber Eats, Grofers and Blue Dart are part of the group. The group has targeted deployment of 1,000 EVs in the next year. Setting up of 250 public charging and swapping stations is also part of the action plan.

ARANYA SHANKAR
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

CASH AND debit cards were stolen from the girls' hostel at Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce, allegedly by a man who dressed as a woman to get access to hostel premises. Three days after the incident, an FIR was lodged at Maurice Nagar police station Monday, police said.

The accused allegedly used the debit cards to make transactions of around Rs 50,000 and stole roughly Rs 3,000 in cash from various rooms, students claimed. The incident took place

on September 12, the day of the DU Students' Union elections.

According to hostellers of the Shri Ram Memorial Girls Hostel, the theft took place in the afternoon. "Many girls were in the mess, which is open from 1-2 pm. From the CCTV footage, we saw that the person entered around 1.40 pm and left around 2.10 pm. We don't even know the gender for sure... but if you look closely, the person looks like a man," said a hosteller.

CCTV grab shows a person with long hair, wearing a pink top, jeans, and a black scarf.

"He visited each room and seemed to know the way around. He was roaming around confi-



Students claimed the accused visited each room and interacted with a few girls. Archive

dently, looking into the cameras, and even interacted with a few girls. We don't generally ask

strangers who they are because they are usually relatives of students. All of us assumed it was



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Two from city bag medals at Moscow science olympiad

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

MONTHS OF preparation paid off for Harshita and Satyam – the two 17-year-olds from South West Delhi – who bagged medals at an international science olympiad held in Moscow earlier this month.

The teenagers are students of class XII at Rajkiya Pratibha Vikas Vidyalaya (RPVV) in Dwarka and won bronze medals in chemistry at the Fourth International Olympiad of Metropolises in Moscow.

A team of eight students from six different RPVVs had boarded a flight to Moscow on August 31. However, Harshit said, their journey had begun several months ago in April when they gave their first screening test for the competition in their respective schools.

"We went through three levels of screening before the final selection and began preparation around one-and-a-half months

before the competition. The teachers who had gone for the Olympiad last year had told us how to prepare for the practical and theory sections, and we practised for an hour after classes every alternate day," said Satyam.

He said that the practice required for the competition was different from what they followed in schools for exams. "In our schools, we are required to learn a concept and then apply it to answer questions. For a competition like an olympiad, the practical aspect is far more closely tied to learning," he said.

Harshit said that they visited laboratories of Hindu College and Rajdhani College as part of their preparation: "We got to see the equipment which we don't have in schools."

On Monday, Delhi Education Minister Manish Sisodia said that the government would set up training cells to train students for competitions of this nature, and that students between 14 and 18 years will be selected to undergo this training.

Two dead as DU student 'rams car into autos' at bus stand

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

TWO AUTORICKSHAW drivers waiting for passengers at the bus stand on G T Karnal Road in the early hours of Monday died after a car rammed their vehicles.

Police said the accused driver, Mohit (23), a BA student at DU's School of Open Learning, was arrested from the spot.

The victims, Sanjay Sareen (40) and Jaikishan Gupta (36), were sitting in their vehicles. "Picket staff reached the spot within minutes and saw that a Maruti SX4 car had hit three auto-

rickshaws. The injured drivers were taken to Babu Jagivan Ram Memorial Hospital. They were shifted to Lok Nayak Hospital, where they succumbed to injuries at 8.30 am," said DCP (Outer North) Gaurav Sharma. Another auto driver who was injured was discharged after treatment.

According to police, the incident took place in Outer Delhi's Swaroop Nagar at 1.52 am when Mohit was on his way home after dinner with his friends. "He and five others were in the car at the time. He allegedly lost control of the vehicle and hit the autos. A medical examination of the accused was conducted and the re-

port is awaited," said an officer.

Mohit lives with his parents in South West Delhi's Palam Village.

Jaikishan, a father of three, lived with his family in a rented accommodation in the area. "He had been driving the vehicle for 15 years. We have decided to donate his eyes," said his wife, Shilpy Gupta. Sanjay's cousin Sagar Mishra said: "He was the sole breadwinner of his family."

Meanwhile, in North West Delhi's Jahangirpuri, a 64-year-old man and his 55-year-old wife died after they were hit by a dumper truck while crossing the road. Police said efforts are on to trace the driver.

HC suspends AAP MLA's jail term

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Monday suspended the six-month jail term awarded to AAP MLA Som Dutt by a trial court, for assaulting a man with a baseball bat during campaigning for the 2015 Assembly polls, and granted him bail.

Justice Suresh Kumar Kait ordered his release on bail after his

appeal against a magisterial court's order convicting and sentencing him was dismissed by the special judge. "Keeping in view the fact that the petitioner is sentenced for six months... and is in jail since September 12, 2019, the sentence awarded by the trial court is suspended and the petitioner be released on bail..." the judge said and fixed the matter for October 30.

Senior counsel Vikas Pahwa, advocates R Arunadip Iyer and Mohammed Irshad, appearing for the AAP MLA, contended that the case against the legislator is "false" and there are "discrepancies" in the medical record of the man who claimed he was assaulted by the MLA. **ENS**

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PRESS NOTICE
'e' Procurement System

Executive Engineer-V (Elect.) on behalf of the Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board, Chandigarh invites sealed Percentage Rate Tenders through e-Procurement process from the accredited list of empanelled manufacturers/System Integrator by CREST (UT) Chandigarh for Grid connected SPV power Plants of capacity 1k wp to 500k wp in Chandigarh, for the following work-

Name of the work	Estimated Cost put to tender	Earnest Money	Time allowed	Cost of tender document
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- Downloading of e-tender documents
- Clarification regarding plans, specifications, schedule of quantities and set of terms
- Pre Bid Meeting
- Date of submission of e-TENDER
- Physical submission of EMD, Tender Fee, Eligibility documents and other necessary documents.
- Opening of Technical Bid(s) (Online)
- Opening of Price Bid(s)

2. Bid Document can be downloaded from the website <http://tenders.gov.in> or <http://tenders.chd.nic.in/nicgsp>

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Executive Engineer-V (Elect.) for & on behalf of Chairman, Chandigarh Housing Board

OBITUARY

30 JAN 1922 TO 12 SEP 2019

Entire Territorial Army fraternity express deep sorrow on the said demise of Maj Gen RL Chopra, PVSM (Retd) on 12 Sep 2019. An outstanding soldier, a courageous man full of compassion. He lived with dignity and pride with his head held high. We all pray for the departed soul.

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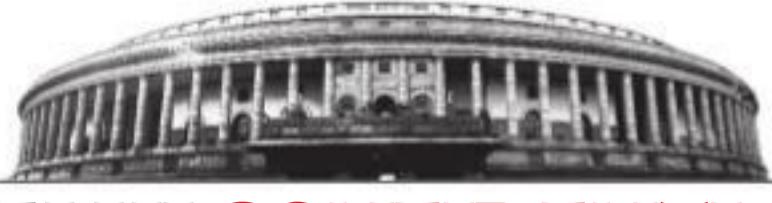
For the detailed specifications of the posts, the prescribed application format and other terms and conditions; please see our Advt.No.PMC/P08/2019 under Project Staff in Careers tab on our website (www.nccs.res.in). For any updates please check our website. Last date for receiving the applications by the Director, NCCS, Pune is 01.10.2019

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PM MEET ON AGENDA

WEST BENGAL Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who arrives in Delhi on Tuesday on a three-day visit, is slated to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday on "development issues" of the state. The visit comes at a time of tension between the Centre and the state over "missing" former Kolkata Police commissioner Rajiv Kumar, and days ahead of a trip of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The matter of Teesta water treaty may come up in the discussions between Modi and Banerjee, who is scheduled to return on September 20.

APP UPDATED

ON THE eve of his 69th birthday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a better, faster version of the NaMo app to take the platform from its election avatar for volunteers to a larger audience. The sleeker version of the app has exciting new features such as faster, one-touch navigation, a new content section called NaMo Exclusive and contents based on recommendations of user interests, and is expected to cater to the increasing traffic on Tuesday, when the PM will be flooded with good wishes on his birthday. Modi himself updated his followers with the news on Monday. "Let us deepen our interaction. Get the new version of the app," he tweeted.

FILE, NOT FIRE!

WHEN LAWYERS who are used to filing cases discuss firing, there is chance that the two may get mixed up, as it happened in the Supreme Court on Monday. Listing steps taken by the Union government to prevent bloodshed in Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of revocation of the special status under Article 370, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said that due to the government's efforts "not a single shot has been filed" so far. Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi was quick to notice the slip of tongue and corrected him with a smile: "fired, not filed". Realising the slip, Mehta too replied, laughing that being a lawyer he was more used to "filing".

BJP MLAs slam move to cap Durga idol height

AFT upholds selection of Navy chief

MILIND GHATWAI
BHOPAL, SEPTEMBER 16

KRISHNA KAUSHIK
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

HINDU ORGANISATIONS and BJP MLAs have opposed the Bhopal district administration's decision to impose restrictions on Durga idols, saying they won't accept any interference in religious matters.

Following the September 13 tragedy in Bhopal's Lower Lake in which 11 youngsters drowned while immersing a huge Ganesh idol, the administration announced restrictions on the height of Durga idols ahead of Navratri.

The administration called a meeting of sculptors and told them to restrict the height of idols to six feet. Most sculptors said that the directive had come too late and orders for idols had been placed months in advance.

Bhopal collector Tarun Pithode said the administration heard the sculptors' arguments and told them that the norms will apply to icons sculpted Monday onwards.

Opposing the administration's move, BJP MLA Rameshwar Sharma said, "The administration has no right to fix the size of Hindu idols. It should focus on maintaining law and order and ensuring peaceful conduct of religious events. We won't brook this attack on Hindu faith. If the Congress government wants to impose restrictions, it should do so for tazias."

BJP MLA Vishwas Sarang alleged that the decision stems from the Congress government's policy of "appeasement".

Odisha govt to link promotion of policemen to public feedback

seated with Superintendents of Police from all districts of the state, getting briefed by his private secretary VK Pandian.

"5Ts Transparency, Tech, Teamwork, Time lead to Transformation. Under 5T (vision), Mo Sarkar (meaning My Government) is a component. As the CM said, you (police) have a simple target—how do you treat a citizen who comes to the police station with a complaint?" said Pandian.

A day back, Naveen spoke to Inspectors in charge of 635 police stations to convey that the government will now focus on getting di-

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE CONGRESS and the NCP have finalised their seat-sharing arrangement for the Maharashtra Assembly polls, with both parties set to contest 125 seats each.

"The Congress and NCP have finalised their alliance. In the upcoming Assembly elections, of the total 288 seats, the two parties will contest 125 each. We have decided to leave 38 seats for our allies," NCP chief Sharad Pawar told reporters in Nashik on Monday.

Pawar said that of the 38 seats set aside for allies, a decision on who would be given how many would be taken soon. He said there was a possibility of the two parties swapping seats. He also said the two parties were planning to hold joint rallies in Nashik, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad.

"Even though we have finalised the seat-sharing, we will work on the modalities of who gets which seat and which candidates need to be put up. We will also decide on how many seats will be allotted to each of our allies like Swabhimani Shetkari Sanghatna, Bahujan Vikas Aghadi, Peasants' and Workers' Party and the Left parties," Pawar said.

Maharashtra Congress president Vijay (Balasaheb) Thorat said talks were on to rope in the SP and the BSP into the alliance.

Thorat claimed that "no dis-



Vijay Thorat



Sharad Pawar

cussion had taken place over the inclusion or exclusion of the Raj Thackeray-led MNS in the Opposition alliance".

Sources, however, said the NCP was initially keen on roping in the MNS, but a section of the Congress leadership is of the opinion that Raj's presence in the alliance will hurt its support base among North Indian voters. Many in the Congress prefer that the MNS contest independently to engineer a "split" in Shiv Sena's Marathi vote bank in cities.

On Raj Thackeray, Pawar claimed that the MNS leader was keen on ensuring that elections were boycotted. "We had some talks with Raj about the elections. He was of the opinion that all political parties need to boycott the elections. This was a stand which is unacceptable to us and there was no point in having any talks with him further," Pawar said.

The seat-sharing was finalised during a meeting between Pawar and Congress president Sonia

Gandhi in Delhi on September 11. The Maharashtra Assembly has 288 seats. In 2014, both the parties, which have been allies since 1999, fought separately. That year, the Congress contested 287 seats and won 42. The NCP contested 278 seats and won 41. The last time the two parties fought as allies in 2009, the Congress contested 170 seats, winning 82; the NCP fought on 113 seats and won 62. In 2004, which was the first election that the two fought with a pre-alliance, the Congress contested 157, winning 69, while NCP contested 124 and won 71.

Meanwhile, cracks in the NCP over the state leadership's decision to sport saffron flags at NCP rallies and yatras came to the fore yet again, with Pawar remarking that "it was not the party's decision". Last month, Pawar's nephew and NCP's state legislative party head Ajit Pawar announced that "from now on all NCP rallies and yatras will have the saffron flag with an image of Chhatrapati



Burying the hatchet to counter BJP

FACING THEIR toughest state elections in Maharashtra, the Congress and NCP have decided to take a pragmatic approach in burying their differences and arriving at an equitable power-sharing agreement. With large-scale defections having hit both the parties, the two have decided to put up a joint front in countering an ascendant BJP in the state.

Shivaji Maharaj. This will be used along with our party flag".

Fearing that this might not go down well with the party's secular vote bank, a section of senior leaders in the party have been urging the leadership to roll it back.

Rawat says will talk NRC with cabinet, implement if needed

LALMANI VERMA
DEHRADUN, SEPTEMBER 16

DESCRIBING THE implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Assam an "important" move to prevent infiltration, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat on Monday said the need of such an exercise in Uttarakhand will be assessed and if found necessary, such an exercise may be carried out in the state.

Rawat made the remark while speaking to the media after taking part in a cleanliness campaign as part of the Sewa Saptah that the local BJP unit has organised to mark the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rawat said that he will discuss the issue with the cabinet.

"We will see if it is needed in our state or not. But yes, the issue of NRC which has been raised is justified. It has been a problem from a long time and the intellectual class had been



Trivendra Singh Rawat

discussing that infiltration has occurred at a large scale. To prevent such infiltration, I believe that NRC, which other states have implemented, is a right step. We will also discuss this with our cabinet. If found necessary, it will be implemented in the state. Since our state has international borders, if any such matter arises, that could be a serious problem," he said.

Uttarakhand shares a 350-km border with China and a 275-km border with Nepal. Five of the state's 13 districts are border districts.

Allahabad HC stays UP notification including 17 OBC castes in SC list

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
ALLAHABAD, SEPTEMBER 16

THE ALLAHABAD High Court on Monday stayed a notification of the Uttar Pradesh government to include 17 Other Backward Castes in the Scheduled Castes list.

The court directed the state government to file its reply on it within three weeks and said the case would be listed thereafter.

The bench comprising Justice Sudhir Agarwal and Justice Rajiv Mishra on Monday said that the Supreme Court Collegium had taken a decision on the elevation of Justice Akil Kureshi and that it will be made public soon.

Sitting with Justices S A Bobde and S Abdul Nazeer, CJI Gogoi said this when the bench took up a plea by the Gujarat High Court Bar Association, challenging what the lawyers' body claimed was "arbitrary inaction" of the Union government in withholding the appointment of Justice Kureshi as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court despite the recommendation of the SC Collegium.

The petition contended that "deliberate inaction of the Respondent in not appointing Mr Justice Akil Kureshi as the Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court impinges and diminishes the primacy of the judiciary in the matters of appointment and transfer of judges to High Court and Supreme Court".

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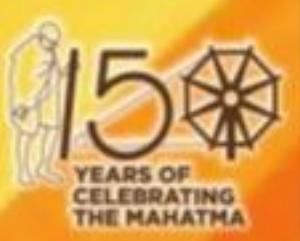
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ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE

Haryana Committed
To
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Merit-In Middlemen-Out
Over 69,000
Transparent & Fair
Recruitments

Ujjwala Scheme
More Than
9,12,000
Poor Families Benefitted

Mhara Gaon - Jagmag Gaon
24 hours Power Supply
Over 4,200 Villages & 9 Districts

Towards Antyodaya
491 Services & Schemes
Under One Roof

Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
Gender Ratio-919
(July, 2019)

Electricity Bills Reduced to Half
Over 41 Lakh
Domestic Consumers
Benefitted

Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana
Rs.1935 Crore
Compensation to about
8.50 Lakh Farmers

Jobs to
293 Dependents
of Martyrs

Ration through EPDS Portal
1.17 Crore
Consumers Eased

Crop Residue Management
1194
Custom Hiring Centres

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
Samuhik Pashudhan Bima Yojana
Over 1.30 Lakh
Animals Insured

Bhavantar Bharipayee Yojana
Over Rs.9.52 Crore
Disbursed to Farmers

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
Over 46,000
Houses (Gramin + Urban)

Paudhagiri Yojana
18.43 Lakh
Plantations Through Students

Mukhya Mantri Vyapari Kshatipurti Beema Yojana
Up to Rs.25 Lakh
Insurance Cover

Mukhya Mantri Vyapari Niji Durghatna Beema Yojana
Up to Rs.5 Lakh
Insurance Cover

Ayushman Bharat Scheme
Rs.34 Crore
Worth Claims Disbursed

Meri Fasal - Mera Byora
Over 6.25 Lakh
Farmers Registered

7-Star Indradhanush Yojana
1122 Villages
Get Star Rating

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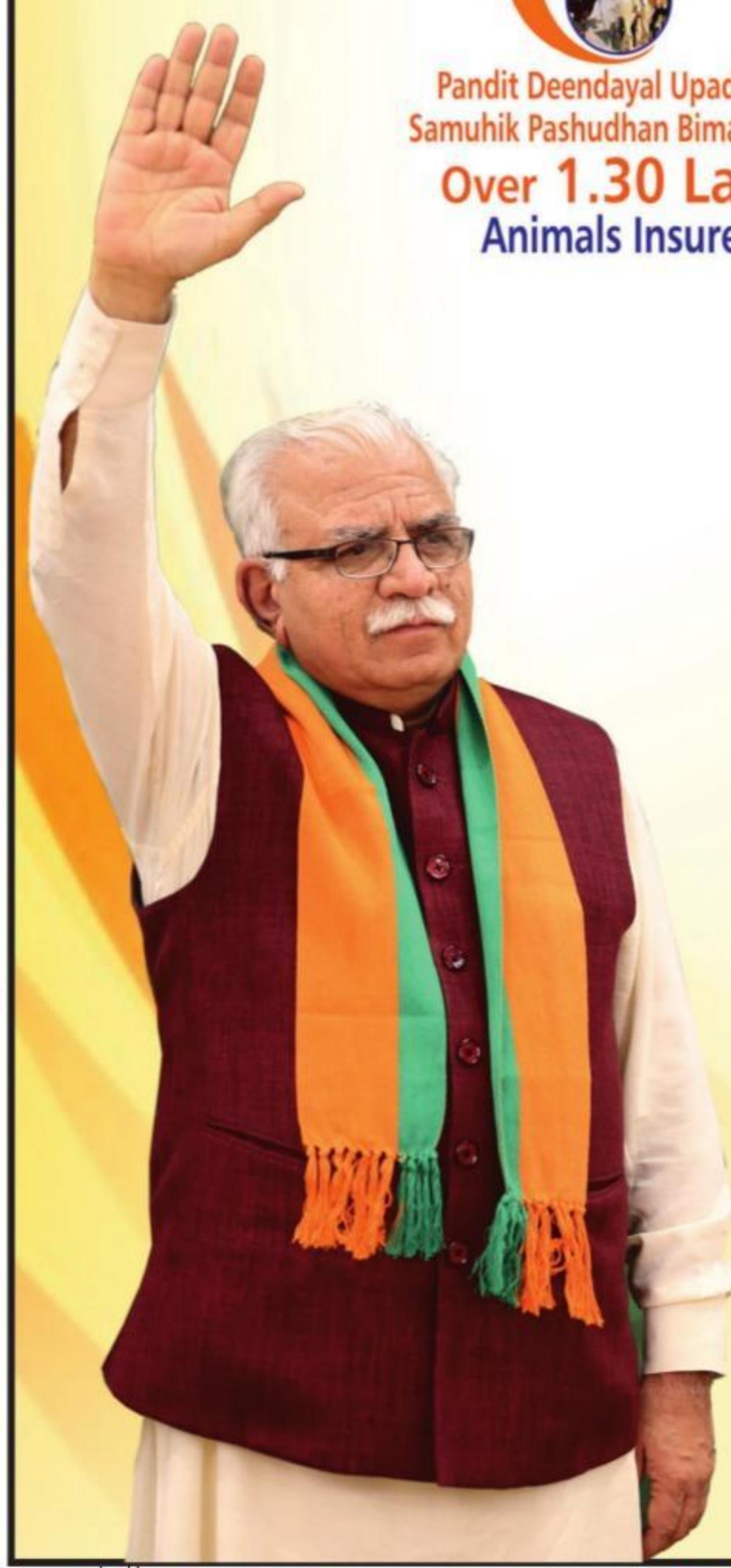
In Urban & Rural Areas
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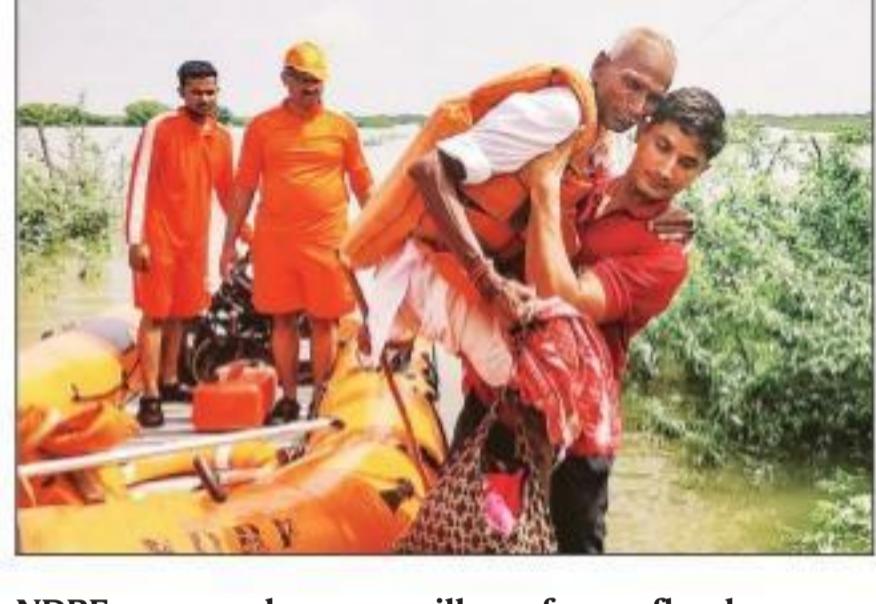




NORTH

Hundreds rescued by Army across flood-hit Rajasthan

Jaipur: Hundreds of people were rescued by the Army across four districts of Rajasthan on Monday following a flood-like situation, while thousands others have been shifted to safer areas, even as CM Ashok Gehlot took stock of the situation and surveyed the flooded areas. As per the Army, about 400 people were res-



NDRF personnel rescue a villager from a flood-affected area in Bundi, Rajasthan, on Monday. PTI

WEST

Pune: Surgeon killed in accident on expressway

Pune: A prominent spine surgeon and the driver of his hired car were killed after their vehicle was hit by a speeding bus on the Pune-Mumbai Expressway on Sunday night. The deceased surgeon was identified as Dr Ketan Khurjekar and the driver was identified as Dnyaneshwar Bhosale. Inspector Kishor Mhasawade of Shiraon po-

lice outpost said, "The car had halted on the shoulder of the Expressway after a puncture... Dr Khurjekar stepped out of the car to assist the driver. While two other doctors were about to get out, a private bus came from behind and hit them. Dr Khurjekar and the driver were killed and two other doctors sustained injuries." ENS

EAST

300 cartons of liquor worth Rs 30 lakh seized in Bihar

Muzaffarpur: Excise officials on Monday seized 300 cartons of Indian Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL) worth Rs 30 lakh from Biha's Muzaffarpur district and nabbed two persons in this connection. Acting on a tip-off, excise officials searched a truck at Chandni Chowk area under Brahmpura police station limits and seized

the liquor, Excise SP Deenbandhu told reporters here. The driver hails from Uttar Pradesh whereas the vehicle's cleaner is from Haryana, he said. The seized truck had passed through Mohania Integrated Check Post in Kaimur and travelled across Ara, Chapra, Muzaffarpur districts. PTI

SOUTH

MV Act: Kerala Transport Minister writes to Gadkari

Thiruvananthapuram: With protests mounting over the new Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, Kerala Transport minister A K Saseendran on Monday urged Union Minister Nitin Gadkari to bring in an ordinance, giving flexibility to states to fix compounding fee at rates proportionate to the gravity of the offences and

which is affordable to the public. The fine fixed in the Act as per the Union government's proposal are "very high and disproportionate to the gravity of offences", he said in the letter. The minister said the state government had issued the notification as per Section 200 of the Act, revising the compounding fee from September 1. PTI

Complaint against NDRI chief after bovine deaths

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CHANDIGARH, SEPTEMBER 16

An animal rights activist on Monday filed a police complaint against the director of National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), stating that atleast 75 cows and buffaloes died mysteriously at the Haryana-based institute.

Preliminary investigations indicate they were given toxic feed.

While a team from the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly, arrived in Karnal Monday and initiated an investigation, animal rights activist Naresh Kadyan has filed a police complaint against NDRI Director Dr R B Singh, alleging that the director and other officials buried the animals without conducting a postmortem and "hushed up" the matter.

Singh could not be reached for a comment. "As many as 75 cows and buffaloes died due to poisonous feed and were buried without a post-mortem on the premises of NDRI. It began about a week ago when three buffaloes died and the NDRI claimed the deaths were a result of snakebite and buried them without postmortem," said Kadyan.

An IVRI team member said, "Our team was called by NDRI. Prima facie it appears that the deaths were caused by toxic feed that was purchased by the institution around 10 days ago."

Karnal SP Surinder Singh Bhoria said, "We have received an online complaint against the NDRI director on charges of criminal conspiracy and under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption and Cow Slaughter Acts."

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 16

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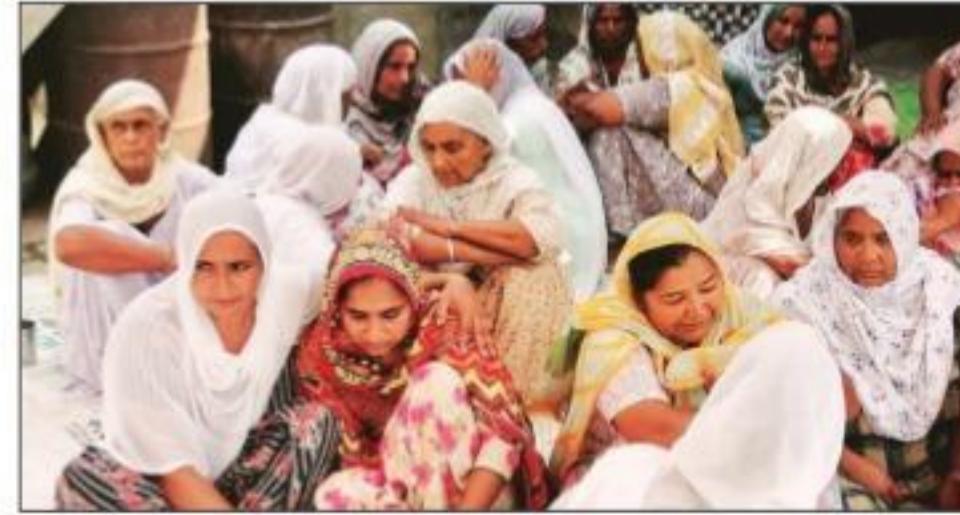
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Sukhdev Singh Kokrikalan, general secretary of the outfit, claimed that 309 suicides were recorded in 2016-17 under the previous SAD-BJP government. "The numbers are increasing because of non-favourable policies of the central government where corporate houses are given preference over farmers," he said.

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Relatives mourn after 22-year-old Lovepreet committed suicide in Barnala. Express

to farmers not to take any such step and approach the government."

The question, however, remains why despite such a huge debt waiver, the suicides haven't stopped.

While farmers, farm unions and experts are divided, most agree there is a need for one-time complete loan waiver for small, marginal and medium

farmers and a check on private moneylenders.

Farm unions say Punjab farmers have a cumulative debt of nearly Rs 1 lakh crore, 34 per cent of which is from non-institutional bodies like finance companies and private moneylenders, including arthiyas (commission agents).

Jagmohan Singh, general secretary of BKU Dakauna, said there was no check on moneylenders and banks, which were doling out huge amounts in crop installments and became debtors. When this promise was not met, many of them went into depression.

AAP MLA and Leader of Opposition in Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Captain Amarinder Singh had said all types of debt will be waived but after coming to power, they put several conditions."

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All state PSC exams in Malayalam too: Pinarayi

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
SEPTEMBER 16

THE KERALA government on Monday said the question papers of all examinations conducted by state government recruitment board Public Service Commission (PSC) would be made available in Malayalam also.

Rajya Sabha member Binoy Viswam wrote

"no one can deny the importance of Hindi that has played a significant role in the making of a modern India... but to say that it is the only unifying factor is equal to shutting our eyes to the national reality. It is an expression of contempt towards all other Indian languages that have contributed tremendously to the nation's unity and its march to social progress." ENS

"PSC has been directed to give question papers in Malayalam for all exams including the Kerala Administrative Service. To address the practical difficulties that may crop up during implementation, a meeting of all Vice-Chancellors would be convened. Many technical words do not have an equivalent translation in Malayalam, and exams based on technical words would face practical issues. A committee would be appointed to look into this problem and to prepare a dictionary of technical words," Vijayan said.

The CM said that in order to address the concerns of linguistic minorities, the demand for preparing question papers in Kannada and Tamil has been put forward to the PSC. The Kerala government is not against studying any language, but that should not be by trampling down Malayalam, he said.

At present, PSC gives question papers in Malayalam too for exams which have fixed eligibility up to Class 12. But for exams held for higher posts, which have graduation or above as the basic educational qualification, question papers are given only in English. This has been reckoned as a discrimination towards applicants who have studied in Malayalam medium.

Government intervention to make question papers in Malayalam came in the wake of an ongoing protest of cultural leaders for the last 19 days in front of the PSC headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram.

After assuming office, the CPI(M) declared Malayalam as the administrative language and all communications from offices were made in Malayalam.

GoM on sexual harassment holds meeting

New Delhi: A Group of Ministers (GoM) formed in the wake of the #MeToo movement to address issues related to sexual harassment at the workplace held its first meeting on Monday under the chairmanship of Home Minister Amit Shah.

The GoM discussed various aspects of the issues of sexual harassment at workplace and possible legal mechanism, an official said.

Earlier, the GoM was headed by then Home Minister Rajnath Singh but was reconstituted in the new government.

Other members of the GoM include Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani and HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhrayal. ENS

Kokrikalan said that government has not completely banned kurki. "Pronotes" – a written document taken from farmers with their signature – must be banned, he said.

SAD spokesperson Daljit Singh Cheema said, "This is happening because of false hopes given by the Congress. In the run-up to Assembly polls, they promised a total loan waiver.

Several farmers stopped paying installments and became debtors. When this promise was not met, many of them went into depression."

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At a protest against Union Home Minister Amit Shah's comments on Hindi, in Kolkata on Monday. Partha Paul

Stalin calls for agitation, Haasan hits out at Shah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI, SEPTEMBER 16

AMID THE political row over Union Home Minister Amit Shah projecting Hindi as a language that can unite the country, DMK president M K Stalin asked his party workers to get ready for another anti-Hindi agitation.

"I would like to make it clear, my party is ready for any sacrifice to stop the imposition of Hindi," Stalin said in his speech at a party event in Tiruvannamalai on Sunday,

marking the 111th birth anniversary of DMK founder and former Chief Minister C N Annadurai.

A statewide protest on the issue has been planned in all district headquarters in Tamil Nadu on September 20.

Stalin recalled that India comprises people who speak up to 1,600 regional languages, and alleged that Shah's speech advocating Hindi as the national language was nothing but a challenge to the unity of the nation.

He said the resistance against imposition of Hindi would not be limited to Tamil Nadu but

spread across all non-Hindi-speaking regions in the country.

Meanwhile, actor-turned-politician Kamal Haasan came down heavily on Shah, saying in a video that "what has been written in the Constitution of the country cannot be rewritten by a Shah or Sultan or Samrat".

"Our fight for our language would be much bigger than the Jallikattu protest, which was a relatively smaller one. I think India or Tamil Nadu need not encounter such a move now," he said.

He recalled that the national anthem was still respected by

people across the country. "Even if the national anthem is written in Bengali, majority of Indians sing it in that language itself. We do not sing it in our mother tongue. Reason is that the man who penned the national anthem was someone who had given respect and space for the cultural and linguistic diversities of this country," Haasan said.

"India is a spectacular idea, it has to be protected. Unity in diversity is what we see in India. We will not allow anyone to destroy it," he said.

At present, PSC gives question papers in Malayalam too for exams which have fixed eligibility up to Class 12. But for exams held for higher posts, which have graduation or above as the basic educational qualification, question papers are given only in English. This has been reckoned as a discrimination towards applicants who have studied in Malayalam medium.

Government intervention to make question papers in Malayalam came in the wake of an ongoing protest of cultural leaders for the last 19 days in front of the PSC headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram.

After assuming office, the CPI(M) declared Malayalam as the administrative language and all communications from offices were made in Malayalam.

HC quashes sexual harassment proceedings against Mahesh Murthy



Court says delay in filing the FIR was not "properly explained"

SADAFA MODAK

MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE BOMBAY High Court has set aside criminal proceedings against angel investor Mahesh Murthy over an alleged incident of sexual harassment in 2004, observing that the delay in filing the FIR 14 years after the offence is not "properly explained".

"We have perused the order taking cognizance by the concerned magistrate and we find that neither there is an application by the prosecution for extension of limitation or condonation of delay nor there are reasons for condoning such a delay by the magistrate. In other words, neither delay is properly explained nor there are reasons by the magistrate for condoning the same in the interests of justice," the division bench of Justices Ranjit More and N J Jamadar said in an order last week.

The complainant's lawyer had argued that Murthy is a "serial sexual offender", and that the limitation period to file a criminal complaint does not apply to sexual offences. The court, however, said the bar on filing a complaint after the period of limitation lapsed applied to every offence under the Indian Penal Code.

"We are unable to accept the said argument in the absence of any supporting material. Section 468 of CrPC (Bar to take cognizance after lapse of period of limitation) is applicable to every offence under IPC and offences

under sections 354 (sexual harassment) and 509 (outraging the modesty of a woman) as alleged against the petitioner are under IPC. The allegations against the petitioner that he is a serial sexual offender would not be relevant to examine the validity and legality of subject criminal proceedings pending before the learned Magistrate," the court said.

It held that continuation of prosecution of Murthy would be abuse of the process of law".

Allegations of sexual harassment had emerged against Murthy in 2017-18 in light of the #MeToo movement, in which several women came forward to disclose incidents of sexual harassment and abuse. Two FIRs were registered by Mumbai Police against Murthy based on the complaints of two women.

In the most recent case, Bandra police had booked Murthy under sections 354 (sexual harassment) and 509 (outraging the modesty of a woman) on March 16, 2018. It was alleged that in February 2004, when the complainant in the case met Murthy at a coffee shop, he touched her inappropriately and kissed her against her will.

In the run-up to Assembly polls, they promised a total loan waiver.

Several farmers stopped paying installments and became debtors. When this promise was not met, many of them went into depression."

AAP MLA and Leader of Opposition in Assembly Harpal Singh Cheema said, "Captain Amarinder Singh had said all types of debt will be waived but after coming to power, they put several conditions."

Jagmohan Singh, general secretary of BKU Dakauna, said there was no check on moneylenders and banks, which were doling out huge amounts in crop

installments and became debtors. When this promise was not met, many of them went into depression."

"I have three acres of land. A private bank gave me Rs 15 lakh in crop loan," said Jagtar Singh from a Jalandhar village. He now says he has made a mistake by taking the loan. "I am not able to pay the interest, leave alone the principal."

As Punjab farmer suicides continue, call for complete loan waiver

ANJU AGNIHOTRI CHABA
JALANDHAR, SEPTEMBER 16

Oppn leaders condemn move against NC chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE CONGRESS on Monday condemned the invoking of PSA against Farooq Abdullah, with Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Ghulam Nabi Azad saying it is the country's "misfortune" that leaders who fought for its unity and integrity have been put behind bars.

"I strongly condemn it. It is most unfortunate that a (former) chief minister of one of the oldest political parties in Kashmir (has been detained). Each chief minister, and each political party

be it Congress, NC and PDP in Jammu and Kashmir have tried their best to fight militancy. If there is no militancy today, it is because of these political parties and not the BJP," he told reporters.

Congress general secretary Sitaram Yechury called the move a "brazen attack on democratic rights and civil liberties of a sitting MP" and "a cowardly afterthought by the BJP government". CPI general secretary D Raja said it "shows the brazen arbitrariness of the Union government" and "authoritarian way of ruling the state."

NC MP questions Farooq's PSA detention, party eyes legal move

ADIL AKHMER
SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 16



Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitated by J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik in New Delhi on Monday. PTI

Centre planning to award scholarships to all eligible applicants in J&K

Considers scrapping state quota

ABANTIKA GHOSH
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THE UNION government is planning to do away with the state quota of scholarships in Jammu and Kashmir and instead, award them to all eligible applicants, it is learnt.

J&K at present has a quota of about 2 lakh scholarships. These include pre-matric, post-matric and merit and means scholarship awarded by the Ministry of Minority Affairs and also the Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarships for minority girls.

J&K students from families below a certain income level are also eligible for the Prime Minister's Special Scholarship Scheme (PMSSC) for students pursuing higher education outside the state.

Normally, quotas for national scholarships are fixed state-wise based on the number of minorities in the state concerned. That population-based quota may soon be waived for J&K, according to sources in the government.

According to a source, students from all six minority communities — Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis, Jains and Buddhists — are eligible for the three scholarships administered by the Minority Affairs ministry. "We receive a large number of applications from each state but can award only that many scholarships as the quota the state is eligible for. The quota is decided on the basis of minority population in the state," the source said.

For Jammu and Kashmir, however, the plan now would be to give scholarship to all applicants, "provided they are eligible, regardless of the state quota which right now is about a couple of lakhs", the source said.

Nationally about 36 lakh scholarships are awarded every year under the three heads. The government has already announced that in the next five years 5 crore scholarships will be disbursed for minority students across the country.

7 Armymen hurt in ceasefire violation

Jammu: Seven Armymen were injured as Pakistani troops continued intense mortar-shelling and small arms fire in Balakote area of Poonch district throughout Sunday night.

Defence ministry spokesperson Lt Colonel Devender Anand, however, put the number of injured as four and said that the other three sustained "minor bruises". They were holding naka in an area near the LoC when a Pakistani mortar shell landed nearby, he said, adding that the injured were evacuated to the hospital and their condition was stable.

The Pakistani troops initiated ceasefire violation around 10.30 pm. Since last month, there has been an escalation in ceasefire violations along the LoC with Pakistani troops resorting to unprovoked mortar shelling and firing.

Explained: Focus on developing J&K, skilling its youth

THE PLAN to broaden scholarships to include as many students as possible from J&K is part of a larger plan of the Home ministry for development of the state. There are also elaborate plans to instill skill in the youth in J&K and Minority Affairs Secretary Shailesh and Skill Development Secretary K P Krishnan visited J&K recently and held extensive meetings with district officials to understand needs of the state and where resources need to flow for the youth to become ready for the jobs market.

Applications are invited for the following post eligible candidates



Normal life remained affected for the 43rd day. Shuaib Masoodi

Shah reviews security situation in J&K

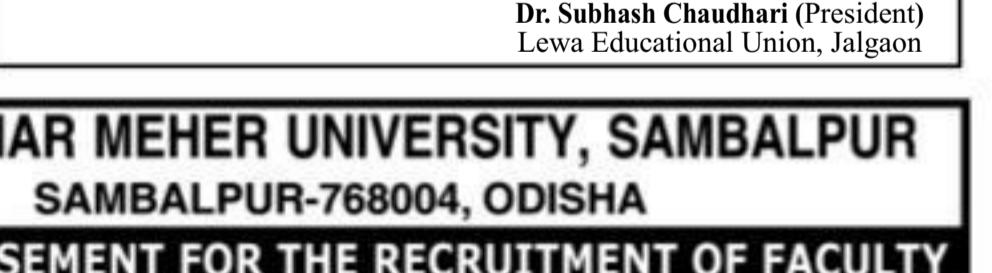
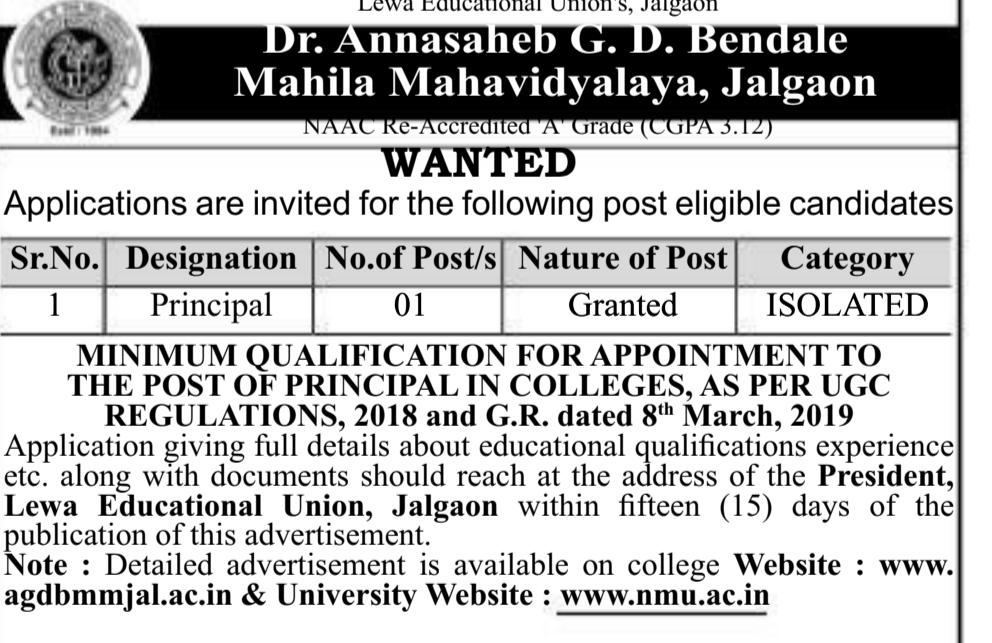
New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday held a high-level meeting to review the security situation in the state at his North Block office. The meeting was attended by NSA Ajit Doval, Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba, Home Secretary Ajay Bhalla and IB chief Arvind Kumar, among others.

Sources said issues ranging from infiltration from across the border, ceasefire violations by Pakistan on the Line of Control (LoC) and international border, presence of militants in the Valley, forced shutting of shops and markets and anticipation of public unrest were discussed.

The Home Minister was also given a detailed presentation on the security situation, particularly along the border and the LoC, a security official said.

Meanwhile, normal life remained affected in Kashmir for the 43rd day on Monday following the abrogation of Article 370. Most shops remained shut and public transport was off the roads. Internet services remained suspended.

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1	Principal	01	Granted	ISOLATED

MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF PRINCIPAL IN COLLEGES, AS PER UGC REGULATIONS, 2018 AND G.R. dated 8th March, 2019

Application giving full details about educational qualifications experience etc. along with documents should reach at the address of the President, Lewa Educational Union, Jalgaon within fifteen (15) days of the publication of this advertisement.

Note : Detailed advertisement is available on college Website : www.agdbmmjal.ac.in & University Website : www.nmu.ac.in

Dr. Subhash Chaudhari (President)
Lewa Educational Union, Jalgaon

NIA: Key aide of Pulwama attack mastermind planned strikes across country

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JAISH-E-MOHAMMED (JeM) operative Sajjad Ahmad Khan, a close aide of Pulwama attack mastermind Mudassir Ahmad Khan, and other senior members of the outfit were planning terror attacks in different parts of India, including Delhi-NCR, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) claimed in its chargesheet filed on Monday in a case of conspiracy before a special NIA court in Delhi.

Sajjad is also suspected to be involved in the conspiracy of the attack which left 40 CRPF personnel dead in Jammu and Kashmir's Pulwama district after a JeM terrorist rammed an explosives-laden vehicle into their bus — part of a convoy going from Jammu to Srinagar — on February 14.

"Investigation has established that the accused persons are members of proscribed terrorist organisation JeM, who were planning to carry out terror attacks and also propagating the activities of JeM," the NIA said in a statement.

The chargesheet was filed against four alleged JeM operatives under IPC Sections 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and 121 A (waging, or attempting to wage war, or abetting waging of war, against the government of India), and various sections of the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Sections of Explosives Substances Act.

Mudassir was the mastermind behind this conspiracy but charges were abated against him after he was killed in an encounter with security forces in March this year, the agency said in its final report.

This case pertains to a criminal conspiracy by senior operatives of the JeM to carry out terror attacks in different areas, including Delhi-NCR, the agency stated.

The chargesheet names Sajjad Ahmad Khan, 27; Tanveer Ahmed Ganie, 29; Bilal Ahmad Mir, 23; and Muzaffar Ahmad Bhat, 25. All four are residents of Pulwama.

The NIA stated, "The slain terrorist Mudassir Ahmad Khan was the mastermind behind this conspiracy. He was one of the main conspirators in Pulwama terror attack and was killed in an encounter with security forces, in village Pingligh, Tral, on the night of March 9-10."

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Normal life remained affected for the 43rd day. Shuaib Masoodi

panic because of deployment of forces, there was an all-party meet. In conclusion, he (Farooq) reiterated three times the need to maintain peace. Ever since he is under detention, he has not made any statement which can be interpreted as a threat to public peace."

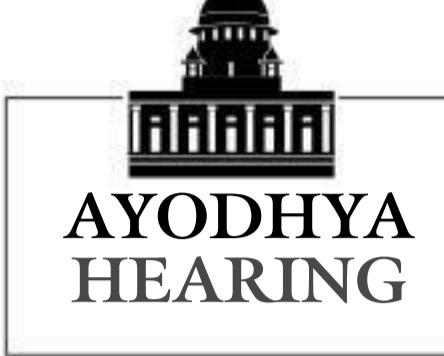
Masoodi, who recently met Farooq Abdullah and party vice-president Omar Abdullah with the court's permission, said the meeting was "essentially to know about their health" and said the court asked them "not to share anything with the media about the meeting."

Masoodi told *The Indian Express*: "See how many threats he braved (over the years)... he lost thousands of cadres simply for the reason that they were believed to side with India. It was not a small job when he decided in 1996, in that atmosphere (of militancy) to contest the elections. He stood for India, and see what they (government) have done today."

Masoodi said he fails to comprehend the grounds of detention under the stringent PSA because the NC leader has all along demanded peace. "On August 4, when people in the Valley were in

Janmabhoomi Nyas has no locus in Ayodhya case: Sunni Wakf Board

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tegral to Islamic faith, or churches other than Jerusalem or the Vatican are not integral to Christians, would violate the fundamental right to practice religions under Article 25 of the Constitution. "There cannot be discrimination between Indic religions and other religions which have come from outside," he submitted.

Dhavan also posed questions on the locus of Agarwal, who had filed the suit as next friend of Ramlalla Virajman (the deity of Ayodhya). He said members of VHP were authorised to be included as trustees of the Nyas, and accordingly Agarwal had been made a trustee.

"The Nyas has no locus in the matter, nor can it be party to any suit.... Suppose your lords were to decide to give charge to, whom would you give to — the shebab or a new body (trust) created in 1985 which wants to throw everyone out and which is also asking for title," senior counsel Rajeev Dhavan, representing the Board and one of the appellants, M Siddiqi, told a five-judge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi.

A shebab under Hindu law is entrusted with the task of maintaining and preserving an idol and its property.

The bench, also comprising Justices S A Bobde, D Y Chandrachud, Ashok Bhushan and S A Nazeer, is hearing appeals against the September 30, 2010 verdict of Allahabad High Court in the Ayodhya dispute.

Dhavan said that according to the Akhara, the Nyas "had no re-

quested to appear before the agency on Monday. However, he did not turn up. Sources in the CBI said that the central probe agency has been trying to get in touch with Kumar but to no avail. Kumar is on leave since last Tuesday.

In a related development, the court asked its registry to inform on the time required to activate live streaming of the proceedings of the case.

CBI seeks info on Rajeev Kumar from state

Kolkata: A team from the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Monday visited the state secretariat, Nabanna, in Howrah and gave two letters to the Chief Secretary and Home Secretary seeking information about former Kolkata police commissioner

Rajeev Kumar in connection with its investigation into the Saradha chit fund case.

Kumar, who has been accused by the CBI of tampering and withholding evidence and documents to shield influential people involved in the scam, was

asked to appear before the agency on Monday. However, he did not turn up. Sources in the CBI said that the central probe agency has been trying to get in touch with Kumar but to no avail. Kumar is on leave since last Tuesday.

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2	Assistant Professor	Economics	01	Granted	OPEN-01
3	Assistant Professor	History	01	Granted	OPEN-01
4	Assistant Professor	Psychology	01	Granted	SC-01
5	Assistant Professor	Commerce	02	Granted	VJNT-1, OBC-01
6	Assistant Professor	Chemistry	01	Granted	SC-01
7	Assistant Professor	Computer Science	02	Granted	OPEN-01, OBC-01

Non Teaching Post

1	Laboratory Assistant	-	01	Granted	SC-01
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MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE POST OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR IN COLLEGES, AS PER UGC REGULATIONS, 2018 AND G.R.dated 8th March, 2019

Application giving full details about educational qualifications experience etc. along with documents should reach at the address of the Principal, Dr. Annasaheb G.D.Bendale Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Jalgaon within fifteen (15) days of the publication of this advertisement.

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2. The advertisement is being published subject to decision taken by Hon. High Court, Aurangabad Bench.

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Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
Department of Health and Family Welfare,
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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the post of Chairman and Members of the National Medical Commission (NMC), President and Members of the Autonomous Boards of the NMC and the Secretary of the NMC.

- Applicant must be less than 65 years of age as on 01.08.2019.
- The last date of receipt of application shall be 18th October, 2019 no later than 4pm Indian Standard Time.
- Detailed advertisement and the application format will be hosted on the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare website at [www.mohfw.nic](http://www.mohfw.nic.in)

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Section-A

e-Tenders are hereby invited for the purchase and supply of following items -

Sr No	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	Date & Time for Sale/ Downloading of e-tenders online	Last Date & Time of Submission of online e-tenders	Date & Time of opening of e-tenders
1.	e-Tender for Feature Film of Ice Cream	1 (On One Time Job Basis)	Verka Head Office, SCO No. 153-155, Sector 34A, Chandigarh, 0172-5041812-13	500/-	1,00,000/-	17.09.2019 at 11:00 AM	14.10.2019 Upto 5:00 PM
2.	Hiring of One No. Toyota Innova and Three Nos. Swift Dzire/Toyota Etios (Diesel AC) alongwith Drivers for Milkfed, Head Office, SCO 153-155, Sector-34A, Chandigarh and One No. Swift Dzire/Toyota Etios (Diesel AC) alongwith driver for Verka Chandigarh Dairy	One Year	-do-	5000/- for each vehicle	16.09.2019 at 11:00 AM	03.10.2019 Upto 3:00 PM	04.10.2019 at 3:00 PM
3.	Annual Rate Contract for Hiring of Insulated S.S. Road Milk Tankers for within Punjab & other states. Cap:- 15,000 and 20,000 Kgs	3 Tankers	General Manager, Verka Patiala Dairy Ph No. 0175-2363595, 80549-98531-33	-	3,00,000/-	19.09.2019 from 1:00 PM	03.10.2019 upto 4:00 PM
4.	Kaju Pinni Rolls	Annual Rate Contract	General Manager Verka Chandigarh Dairy, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh 0172-5041902 0172-5041917-928	-	25,000/-	17.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 11:00 AM
5.	Flavours & Colours	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	1,00,000/-	17.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 11:00 AM	01.10.2019 at 12:00 Noon
6.	Rose Lassi Stabilizer (Pectine-MRS)	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	1,00,000/-	17.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 11:00 AM	01.10.2019 at 12:00 Noon
7.	Sweet Boxes (800gms, 400gms, 2 Kg)	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	25,000/-	17.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 11:00 AM	01.10.2019 at 12:00 Noon
8.	Nitric Acid	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	25,000/-	17.09.2019	01.10.2019 upto 11:00 AM	01.10.2019 at 12:00 Noon
9.	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Cream Separator Cap. 10 KLPH	01 No	General Manager, Verka Sangrur Dairy Ph No. 01672-505282	500/-	1,00,000/-	W.e.f. 17.09.2019	02.10.2019 upto 5:00 PM
10.	T.A.T.A / Ashoka Leyland etc. are required for lifting the milk from various BMC/MCC to Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy 9000 Kg (Single portion)	02 Nos From 10.10.2019 to 09.10.2020	General Manager, Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy Ph No. 01882-238157-77	500/-	1,00,000/-	18.09.2019 at 11:00 AM	03.10.2019 Upto 5:00 PM
11.	TATA 407 etc. are required for lifting the milk from various BMC/MCC to Verka Hoshiarpur Dairy 6000 Kg (Single portion)	01 No From 10.10.2019 to 09.10.2020	-do-	500/-	1,00,000/-	18.09.2019 at 11:00 AM	03.10.2019 Upto 5:00 PM
12.	Annual rate contract for hiring of SS Road Milk Tanker Capacity 10000 Ltrs. for transportation of milk from Milk Chilling Centers to Milk Plant Bathinda.	4 Nos	General Manager, Verka Bathinda Dairy Ph No. 0164-2240406, 2211834.	500/- per Tanker	1,00,000/- per Tanker	19.09.2019 at 05:00 PM	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM
13.	Annual rate contract for hiring of SS Road Milk Tanker Capacity 15000 Ltrs. for transportation of milk from Milk Plant Bathinda to other Plants of Punjab and outside Punjab. (02 No.)	2 Nos	-do-	500/- per Tanker	1,00,000/- per Tanker	19.09.2019 at 05:00 PM	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM
14.	Annual rate contract for hiring of SS Road Milk Tanker Capacity 20000 Ltrs. for transportation of milk from Milk Plant Bathinda to other Plants of Punjab and outside Punjab. (02 No.)	2 Nos	-do-	500/- per Tanker	1,00,000/- per Tanker	19.09.2019 at 05:00 PM	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM
15.	Hiring of Mahindra Pickup / Maxi Pickup / Tata Ace/ etc. to Lift the milk from various societies/ farms to Milk Chilling Centres on Annual Rate Contract Basis (Route No. 3 & 22)	2 Nos	-do-	500/-	20,000/- (Each Vehicle)	18.09.2019 at 05:00 PM	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM
16.	Hiring of Insulated Road Milk Tank- Capacity 6 Ton	1 Nos	-do-	500/-	1,00,000 (Each Tanker)	18.09.2019 at 05:00 PM	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM

Bidders shall have to pay required Tender Processing fee through online mode only i.e. through debit/credit card for getting registered for e-tendering system. EMD should be made only through online mode i.e. Credit/Debit card, NEFT/RTGS, Internet Banking. For participating in the above e-tender, the parties shall have to get themselves registered with our e-Tendering portal i.e. eproc.punjab.gov.in and get USER ID and Password well in time. For downloading tender through e-tendering, process flow, please contact e-Procurement help desk on given Nos. 0172-2970263, 2970284 immediately so that process of timely registration and downloading the tender is completed in time by the date of tender opening. For additional details regarding e-tendering please visit website eproc.punjab.gov.in

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Section-B
Sealed Tenders are hereby invited on the prescribed Performa for the purchase of following items:-

Sr No	Name of the Item	Qty/ Contract Period	Consignee/ Place of Tender Opening	Tender Cost (Rs.)	E.M.D (Rs.)	Date and Time of tender submission	Date & Time of opening of tender
1.	Tutty Fruity	Annual Rate Contract	General Manager Verka Chandigarh Dairy, Industrial Area, Phase-1, Chandigarh 0172-5041902, 0172-5041917	-	20,000/-	01.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM	01.10.2019 at 2:30 PM
2.	Sponge Cake (Veg.)	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	-	20,000/-	01.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM	01.10.2019 at 2:30 PM
3.	Calcium Chloride	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	-	20,000/-	01.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM	01.10.2019 at 2:30 PM
4.	Kassatta Box	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	-	20,000/-	01.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM	01.10.2019 at 2:30 PM
5.	Plastic Tray for Kassatta Slice	Annual Rate Contract	-do-	-	20,000/-	01.10.2019 upto 2:00 PM	01.10.2019 at 2:30 PM
6.	Loading/ Unloading of Verka milk & milk Products corrugated boxes, sugar Bags	Annual Rate Contract (01.10.2019 to 30.09.2020)	-do-	1000/-	50,000/-	From 16.09.2019 to 23.09.2019 12:00 Noon	23.09.2019 at 2:00 PM
7.	Milk Booth (01) at HMEL Raman Refinery	03 years	General Manager, Verka Bathinda Dairy Ph No. 0164-2240406, 2211834.	500/-	25,000/-	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM	04.10.2019 at 2:00 PM
8.	Milk Booth (01) at Civil Hospital Mansa	03 years	-do-	500/-	25,000/-	30.09.2019 upto 5:00 PM	04.10.2019 at 2:00 PM

Interested parties may obtain detailed Tender Documents from the office of Consignee where tender is to be opened on any working day from (9AM to 5 PM). If any clarification is required may contact on Phone Numbers given above. The Tender Notice may also be seen at Verka Website (www.verka.coop). TENDER (S) WITHOUT EARNEST MONEY ARE LIABLE TO BE REJECTED. The Consignee reserves the right to accept/reject any/all tender(s) without assigning any reason whatsoever.

General Manager (QA&E)

मत्स्य पालन विभाग हरियाणा

शुद्धि-पत्र

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	Rajendra G Parkhi	36645	7604321-370	50
42533	Jagit Singh Chawla	74242-45	9484416-355	200
73777	Rajesh Kumar	56627	8603406-455	50
60750	T. Murali	56109	8577506-555	50
61432	Radhey Krishan	1701		

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PERSONAL

It is for general Information that I, S. SUSHIL KUMAR, R/O-0/525/1-A-23, KHERA G.T. ROAD, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110095 inform that my name has been written as SEEMA in LIC Policy Record. The actual-name of mine MANISHA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040512644-5

It is for general Information that I, SUSHIL KUMAR, s/o SH. SHYAM SINGH, R/O-525/1-A-23, KHERA G.T. ROAD, SHAHDARA, DELHI-110095, inform that my daughter's name has been written as RUCHI in LIC Policy Record. The actual-name of my daughter TEENA respectively which may be amended accordingly.

0040512644-4

I, Sudesh Kumar Malhotra R/o. A-209, Sector-Beta-1, Greater Noida, UP, have changed my name to Sudesh Malhotra for all future purposes.

0040512594-2

I, Shreyas Kaushal, S/o Vasudeo Kaushal R/o-H.No.301, Plot-No.154, Opp.Tehsil, New Gandhi-Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201001 that my father's name has been wrongly-written as Vasudeo Kaushal in my educational-documents. The actual name of my father is Vasudeo Kaushal.

0040512638-7

I, Sagari Gupta, W/o-Jaideep Dasgupta R/o-B-14/220, Himgiri-Apartment, Sector-34, Noida, Uttar-Pradesh-201301. Have Changed My Name to Sagari Dasgupta, for all Purposes.

0040512609-3

I, Pradyumna S/O Vivek Kumar Singh R/O-House.no.9/94 Arjan-Vihar Daula-Kuan Delhi-Cant. South West Delhi-110010 have changed my name, from Pradyumna to Pradyumna Pratap Singh vide-Affidavit dated-16-09-19

0040512623-5

I, Munish Pratap Singh chauhan & Munish Chauhan both name are of the same person. For all future purposes I Shall be known as Munish Pratap Singh chauhan S/o Narendra Singh Chauhan R/o-G-1, Arihant-Harmony, Ahinsa-Khand-2, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad.

0040512610-10

I, Yashoda W/o Krishan Kumar R/o 351, I-2, Gali 8, Sangam Vihar, Delhi 62 do hereby inform that my name inadvertently written as Yogita in the records of Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi while issuing Birth Certificate of my Daughter Mithali. I hereby inform that Yogita and Yashoda is same and one person.

0040512568-1

I, Vikas Sarkar, S/o-Shri.Hazari Lal Sarkar, R/o-House.No.RZ-A-37, Nand-Ram Park,Uttam Nagar,N.Delhi-110059,inform that Vikas Sarkar and Bikash Chand Sarkar both are one and same person.

0040512654-1

I, Umesh Kumar S/o-Gopal Dass Kwatra R/o-738-B Jwala Nagar,Church Road,Shahdara Delhi-110032, have changed my name to Umesh Kumar Kwatra,for all purposes.

0040512623-3

I, Ujjwal Son of Vivek Kumar Singh R/O-House.no.9/94 Arjan-Vihar Daula-Kuan Delhi-Cant. South-West Delhi-110010. have changed my name, from Ujjwal to Ujjwal Pratap Singh vide-Affidavit dated-16-09-19.

0040512623-6

I, Topala Chakraborty, W/O-Madan Sharma R/o-W-87, Anupam Garden Post-Office Mehruli Delhi-110030,That I Have Two Lic-Policy, no.12387634 and 2nd Lic-Policy no.12395078 have Changed my Name TO Pushpa Sharma.

040512584-7

I, Syed Shabail Hassan S/o Late Syed Haseeb Hassan R/o I-145, Street No.11, Garhwali Mohalla, Laxmi Nagar, East Delhi-110092, hereby informs that in my documents the spelling of my father's name is incorrect, but correct spelling is Syed Haseeb Hassan.

0040512552-1

I, Surinder Kumar S/o Jagmohan Singh, R/o-H. No.86, Pocket 4 and 5, Sector-23, Rohini, Near Max Fort School, have changed my name to Surinder Singh for all purposes.

0040512582-1

I, Sunil Kumar, S/O-Ramkumar Gupta, R/O-E-191, Third-Floor, Ashok-Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110052, have Changed My Minor Daughter's Name, From Kanak Goel To Kanak, For All Purposes.

0040512610-8

I, Snajay Kumar Agarwal S/o-Late Moti Ram Agarwal R/o-B-251, Prashant-Vihar Sector-14, Rohini Delhi-85, changed my name to Sanjay Kumar Agarwal.

0040512609-6

I, Shivesh S/o Dinesh Kumar Choudhary R/o-H.183, Block-B, Sector-52, Noida, have changed my name to Shivesh Choudhary for all purposes.

0040512580-1

I, Shera Bano W/o Mohd Wakil R/o C-786, J.J. Colony, Shiv-Vihar, Uttam Nagar, N.Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Saira Bano.

0040512638-1

I, Shalini W/o Amit Kumar R/o P1211 Supertech ICON Nyaya Khand-I-Indirapuram Ghaziabad U.P.-201014 changed my name to Shalini Kumar.

0040512644-1

I, Sanjeev Kumar Jain S/o- Panwan Kumar Jain R/o-F-8/12 Krishna-Nagar Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Sanjeev Jain, for all purposes.

0040512577-3

I, Sandhya W/o-Sunit Kumar R/O-E-191, Third-Floor, Ashok-Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110052, Declare That Name Of Mine has been Wrongly-Written As Sandhya Goel in School-Records of My Minor Daughter Kanak, The Actual-Name Of mine is Sandhya.

0040512610-9

I, Vijay Kumar Matreja S/o Late Ghangshyam Dass R/o-H-2/2/Vikaspur, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Vijay Kumar.

0040512638-3

I, Sancha Maya W/o-Sachin Nanda R/o-14/16, Ashok-Nagar, New-Delhi-18, Have Changed My Name to Sneha Nanda, for all Purposes.

0040512579-9

I, Sageeta Chaudhahari W/o Jashvir Chaudhary R/o-B-102, Academic World School, Bemetara-491335, Chhattisgarh, have Changed my name to Sangeeta Chaudhary Permanently.

0040512532-1

I, Sadaquat Khan S/O-Shafiqat Ullah Khan, H.No.89, A-Block, Satya-Enclave, Prem-Nagar-3, Kirari Suleman-Nagar, Delhi-110086, changed My Name To Sadaquat Ullah Khan.

0040512610-5

I, SUNIL KUMAR S/O Shri. Satish Chander, R/o-119, Pushp-Vihar, sector-4, New-Delhi-110017, have changed my name to SUNIL BELWAL, for all purposes.

0040512577-8

I, SUMAN JUNEJA D/O KISHAN LAL GULATI R/O 2/130, G/F, GEETA COLONY, DELHI-110031, in my Son's School record my name has wrongly mentioned as Anju Juneja. Actual and Correct name is SUMAN JUNEJA for all Future Purposes.

0040512533-1

I, Rumana & Rumana Khatoon, W/o Shri. Mohd. Aslam Qadri R/o-House.No.40/224. Double-Storey, New-Seelampur, Delhi-53., informs that above both names are of the same person.

0040512577-7

I, Roop Kishore, S/o Tarachand, R/o A5/A/52, DDA Flats, Janak Puri, Delhi-110058, have changed my name to Roop Kishore Benival.

0040512569-1

I, Rishabh S/O Narayan Singh Thakur R/O-0/72, 3rd-Floor, Old-Govindpura, Street.No.5, Delhi-110051. Have Changed My Name To Rishabh Singh Thakur.

0040512584-1

I, Rashiraj S/o-Ratan Kumar R/o-H.No.-930, K/26, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, have changed my name to Rishiraj for all purposes.

0040512609-2

I, Ram Mukar Mahto s/o Shri Munna Mahto r/o F-85, Radhey Mohan Drive, Fatehpur Beri, New Delhi -110074, has changed my name from Ramu Roy to Ramuk Mahto new name shall appear in all documents/further communication in future as per affidavit sworn, before notary public delhi on 13-09-2019.

0040512538-1

I, Ram Naresh S/o Ram Kishan, R/o H.No.-9, Kh.No.8/4, Kamrudin-Nagar Near-Public School, New Delhi-110041, Have changed my name to Ram Naresh Yadav, permanently.

0040512644-3

I, Rajni Kumar W/o-Sharanveer Singh Malik R/o SMQ-No.P-5/2, Air-Force Station Bani Camp N.Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Rajni Malik.

0040512623-11

I, Rajiv Goel S/o Jagdish Goel R/o-148, Shakti-Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034, have changed minor son's name Armaan to Armaan Goel.

0040512577-5

I, Rajinder Gupta @Rajinder Kumar S/o,Lal Chand Gupta R/o-2086, Gali-No.19, Premnagar, Patel Nagar, N.Delhi-110008, have changed my name to Rajinder Kumar Gupta.

0040512638-5

I, Rajender Parsad S/o Krishna Ram, R/o H.No.109/B, SHIVPURI PART-2, Dindarpur Naifagarh, Dwarka, Delhi-110043 have changed my name from Rajender Parsad to Rajender Parsad Arya for all future purposes.

0040512571-1

I, Rafsan S/o-Mazru R/o-1871, Suwalan Chowk, Gali Patte Wali, Chandni-Mahal, Daryaganj, Delhi-110022, have changed my name to Mohd Rafsan.

0040512644-8

I, Prity Kumar Pandey W/o Monu Kumar Pandey R/o B-288, Gali no-28, mahavir Enclave Part-2, Uttam Nagar, New-Delhi-110059, have changed my name to Prity Pandey for all future purposes.

0040512544-1

I, Preeti Kalra W/o Deepanshu Bagga R/o-B-74, Rampur, Near-SBI, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201011- have changed my name to Preeti Bagga.

0040512638-4

I, Pradeep Kumar Gahlot R/o Flat No.11, Sector 18A, Prem Millian Apartment, Plot No 19, Dwarka-110075, have changed my minor son's name from Tanish to Tarush Gahlot for all purposes.

0040512578-1

I, Pankhuri Sharma W/o Chetanaya Dhawan R/o-J-189, Jeevan-Niketan, Lic Colony, Nr-ST.Marks School, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110087. Changed my Name to Pankhuri Dhawan.

0040512623-1

I, Sheena Bano W/o Mohd Wakil R/o C-786, J.J. Colony, Shiv-Vihar, Uttam Nagar, N.Delhi-110059 have changed my name to Saira Bano.

0040512638-1

I, Shalini W/o Amit Kumar R/o P1211 Supertech ICON Nyaya Khand-I-Indirapuram Ghaziabad U.P.-201014 changed my name to Shalini Kumar.

0040512644-1

I, No 5848072X Hav Hira Bahadur Malla S/o Ganga Bahadur Malla R/o.Village-Bijuwa, P.O-Deorali, Distt-Baglung (Nepal),have declare that,in my service records my wife name has been wrongly written as Raj Kumari instead of her correct name Raj Kumari Malla, So,that kindly consider correct name Raj Kumari Malla for all future purposes.

0040512594-1

I, Munnit Kumari W/o Deepak Kumar R/o House No-A-1672, Ward No-16, SGM Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121001 have changed my name from Km. Munni to Munni Kumari for all purposes.

0040512542-1

I, Vijay Kumar Matreja S/o Late Ghangshyam Dass R/o-H-2/2/Vikaspur, New Delhi-110018, have changed my name to Vijay Kumar.

0040512638-3

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0040512532-1

I, Mohd Danish S/o Rifatullah Khan R/o 2082, Katra Chhote Lal Turkman Gate Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Danish Khan.

0040512541-1

I, Meenakshi W/o Kuldeep Khanna R/o-2072 Ektा- Apartment Sector-13 Rohini Delhi-85 changed my name to Meenakshi Khanna.

0040512609-9

I, Mohd Danish S/o Rifatullah Khan R/o 2082, Katra Chhote Lal Turkman Gate Delhi-110006 have changed my name to Danish Khan.

0040512584-1

I, Manta Jaiswal W/O Murari Jaiswal R/O-D-88, Hastal-Vihar, Dwarka, Delhi-110059. Have Changed My Name To Manta Jaiswal.

0040512584-3

I, SUMAN JUNEJA D/O KISHAN LAL GULATI R/O 2/130, G/F, GEETA COLONY, DELHI-110031, in my Son's School record my name has wrongly mentioned as Anju Juneja. Actual and Correct name is SUMAN JUNEJA for all Future Purposes.

0040512531-1

I, Amrit Subash Marwah S/o Subash Marwah, R/o-E-150, Greater Kailash-1, New-Delhi-110048. Changed My Name To Amit Marwah.

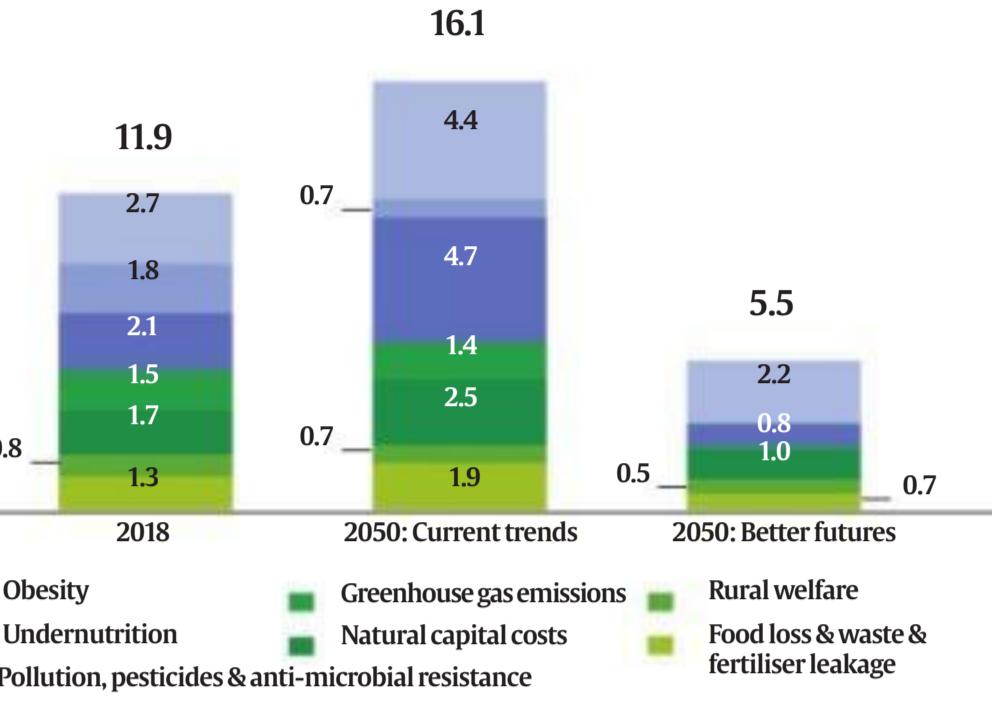
0040512529-4

I, Laldev Gupta S/o Laxmi Chand Gupta R/o B-33/A, Gali

TELLING NUMBERS

What global food industry costs human health and environment

THE HIDDEN COSTS OF GLOBAL FOOD AND LAND USE SYSTEM (\$ tn)



Source: SYSTEMIQ, Food and Land Use Coalition, 2019

A NEW global study has quantified the damage that the modern food industry does to human health, development and the environment costs. The "hidden cost" to the world is \$12 trillion a year – equivalent to China's GDP – says the study by the Food and Land Use Coalition (FOLU), a global alliance of economists and scientists.

The report calls for the world to diversify its food production and consumption. Global over-dependence on a relatively small number of staple foods leaves populations vulnerable to crop failures, with climate change adding to the strain, it said.

"A small disruption in supply really can do a lot of damage and leads to huge price increases. That creates suffering and social unrest. And it will highly likely also lead to hunger and instability," the Thomson Reuters Foundation quoted Per Pharo of FOLU as saying.

The report proposes a series of solutions, from encouraging more di-

verse diets to improve health and reduce dependency on specific crops, to giving more support to the types of farming that can restore forests, a key tool in fighting climate change.

What it says about India

The report points out that India has 4 per cent of global freshwater resources to support 19 per cent of the world's population. Some 80 per cent of water in India goes to agriculture, primarily from groundwater sources. This is unsustainable, it says.

Existing government policies already address critical transitions that the new report recommends, FOLU observes. Among various Indian initiatives, the report mentions the EatRight Movement of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India in 2017; the National Food Security Act of 2013, the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture, and the Zero Budget Natural Farming programme in Andhra Pradesh.

THIS WORD MEANS

YANK

Proposed new term for changes in force over time, so that scientists can study muscle behaviour better

STUDENTS OF physics define acceleration as the rate of change of velocity (or speed) with respect to time. Expressed mathematically, acceleration is the time derivative of speed or velocity. In turn, the time derivative of acceleration is "jerk".

For further time derivatives after jerk, the words are, "snap", "crackle" and "pop" for each successive derivative.

Force, another familiar concept of physics, is measured in units of mass times acceleration. Unlike velocity and acceleration, however, time derivatives for force have never been defined. Now, biologists and biomedical engineers are proposing to define a new term, "yank",

Source: Emory University

for changes in force over time. Their ideas are published in the *Journal of Experimental Biology*.

The objective is to quantify something that our muscles and nerves can feel and respond to. Scientists who study sports often use the term "rate of force development", a measure of explosive strength. Also, scientists who study gait and balance in animals and humans often analyse how quickly forces on the body change. "Yank" could be useful in understanding spasticity, a common muscle impairment in multiple sclerosis, spinal cord injury, stroke and cerebral palsy.

5 months on, why Israel is voting again today

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

ISRAELI voters will return to polling booths on Tuesday for a second shot in a little over five months at deciding who will form the country's next government. The last election on April 9 failed to produce one.

Unprecedented election

No single party has ever won a majority in the Knesset, which routinely sees representation of perhaps 10 political factors. Coalition governments are the norm, with the larger parties getting support from the smaller ones in return for concessions for their specific constituencies. Negotiations are always long and tortuous, but this is the first time that a deal could not be cut.

How the country got here

Votes are cast for parties, and seats are allocated by proportional representation – a party must win at least 3.25% of the national vote, equivalent to four seats, to get into the



ELECTION IMAGE: An ultra-Orthodox Jewish man; a Likud banner showing Netanyahu and Trump. Reuters

120-member House. In April, Benjamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu's Likud and the main Opposition Blue and White were tied at 35 seats each.

After results are declared, Israel's President gives the leader who he feels has the best chance of putting together a coalition, 28 days – with a possible extension of 14 days – to form a government. In April, President Reuven Rivlin asked Netanyahu to make an attempt.

The negotiations failed after Avigdor Lieberman, leader of the secular ultranationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, walked away from the right-wing religious axis led by Likud.

The deal-breaker was ostensibly Netanyahu's refusal to remove the exemption traditionally given to ultra-Orthodox (Haredi) Jews from Israel's mandatory military conscription so they can continue to study the Torah full-time. Critics of Lieberman, however, alleged that his real game was to weaken Netanyahu – his one-time ally turned bitter rival – and ultimately replace the Prime Minister as the country's top politician.

On May 29, with Likud stranded one seat short of the 61 needed for a majority, Netanyahu engineered a vote in the Knesset to dissolve itself and hold fresh elections.

A referendum on Bibi

Like the last time, Tuesday's election will be a virtual referendum on Netanyahu, who in July beat Israel's iconic founder Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion to become the country's longest-serving leader. Netanyahu, 69, who first became PM in 1996 and then

won consecutive terms beginning 2009, 2013, and 2015, faces possible indictment for bribery, fraud, and breach of trust, which could see his long career end in ignominy.

The race is extremely close, and Tuesday's vote, like the one in April, will be a contest between Netanyahu and Benny Gantz, the 60-year-old leader of the centrist Blue and White. Gantz, a former Chief of the Israel Defence Forces, cannot compete with the Prime Minister in terms of experience and international position; yet, he is the strongest anti-Bibi candidate in years.

What can happen hereon

All citizens ages 18 and older – about 5.8 million Israelis – are eligible to vote. Palestinians who live in the West Bank and Gaza Strip cannot vote; nor can those in East Jerusalem who do not hold Israeli citizenship.

Most polling booths will be open from 7 am to 10 pm. Results will start to come out soon afterward, and the outcome is expected to be clear in about six hours.

However, just like in April, no one expects the elections to throw up an outright winner.

How attack on Saudi oil facility could impact Indian and world economies

UDIT MISRA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

ON SATURDAY, the Houthis, a rebel Shia group of Yemen that is backed by Iran, bombed the Abqaiq plant as well as the Khurais oil field in Saudi Arabia. The attack, executed by drones, meant that Saudi Aramco, the state-owned oil company, had to not only suspend the production of almost 6 million barrels per day (about 6 per cent of global oil supply) but also restrict the use of 2 mbd of spare capacity. This is the largest-ever disruption in crude oil production in Saudi Arabia, which supplies 10 per cent of global world supply and is the world's largest crude oil exporter.

Extent of supply shock

As the chart alongside shows, even without the latest disruption, according to International Energy Agency (IEA) – an autonomous Paris-based organisation with 30 member-countries of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) as its members – the second half of the current calendar year

would have seen a decline of 0.8 mbd because of already stagnating supplies. That is why oil prices too were expected to move up. The latest disruption – of an additional 6 mbd – is substantial.

However, as a report from Kotak Institutional Equities Research points out, the world has a large enough oil buffer to tide over the current disruption. For instance, OECD countries have 2.93 billion barrels of commercial petroleum inventories and another 1.55 billion barrels of strategic reserves, which are under government control. As such, it states, "if we assume that Saudi's disrupted oil supplies remain out of the market entirely for the next three months, it can be serviced by 11-12% of OECD inventories".

Extent of the price shock

To the extent that the world has enough inventories to tide over the immediate shortfall, and assuming that this attack is not the start of a long streak of international hostilities between a US-led bloc (including Saudi Arabia) and an Iran-led bloc (including the Houthis), the price shock could be relatively limited.

GLOBAL OIL INVENTORY CHANGE VERSUS CRUDE PRICE, CALENDAR YEAR ENDS, 2009-19



Even so, crude oil prices have already shot up by over 10 per cent, and the Brent price was \$66.6 per barrel as of Monday evening. Brent futures have jumped 20 per cent. According to most estimates, oil prices are likely to trend around the \$75 per barrel mark in the coming months.

However, prices will keenly reflect not just the immediate disruption but also the likely disruption should the US initiate some kind of military response. In a tweet on Sunday, US President Donald Trump said: "Saudi Arabia oil supply was attacked. There is reason to believe that we know the culprit,

are locked and loaded depending on verification, but are waiting to hear from the Kingdom as to who they believe was the cause of this attack, and under what terms we would proceed!"

Impact on India

India imports 80 per cent of the oil it consumes, which means there are multiple ways in which the country will be impacted by this disruption.

The first issue is supply. India is already trying to make up for the loss of supply from Iran after US-imposed sanctions. After Iraq, Saudi Arabia is India's second-largest supplier of crude oil – it accounts for almost 17 per cent of the country's imports. Although Saudi Arabia has assured that there will be no loss of supply, if the process of restoration takes more time than anticipated, India would have to look for alternatives. This may not be easy since the global supply has been fairly volatile because of disruptions in some of the other big suppliers such as Venezuela, Libya and Nigeria.

A hit on prices may then follow. According to Madan Sabnavis of Care Ratings, India is expected to import 1.6 bil-

lion barrels of crude oil in the current financial year. So an increase in oil prices by just one dollar essentially means an increase of \$1.6 billion in the import bill. That's an additional Rs 11,500 crore at the current exchange rate. But supply constraints and rising oil prices would mean that the rupee will weaken further against the dollar – that's because, as the dollar prices of crude oil rise, India would need to buy more dollars for the same amount of oil, thus depreciating the value of the rupee vis-à-vis the dollar.

As such, rising oil prices will worsen the Indian government's fiscal balance. Moreover, higher crude oil prices would also lead to higher domestic oil prices, which, in turn, will further depress the demand for all things, especially those that use oil as the primary input – say, cars. This dip in consumption demand, which is already under strain as the recent growth slowdown has shown, would likely mean lower economic activity and consequently lower revenues for the government.

To the extent that the current crisis is contained, the damage would be limited – but an escalation by President Trump could exacerbate worries.



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

PUBLIC? SAFETY?

Move to book Farooq Abdullah under PSA shows arbitrariness — and a lack of plan to address the crisis in J&K

THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION to wield the Public Safety Act (PSA) against former Jammu & Kashmir chief minister Farooq Abdullah beggars belief. How the National Conference leader, Lok Sabha member from Srinagar constituency, former Rajya Sabha member and former Union Minister for Renewable Energy turned into a case for a law used against terrorists, that too while he was in detention for five weeks, should be for the Centre to explain. Just two days prior to his August 5 house arrest under preventive sections of the CrPC, Abdullah and his son Omar, also a former chief minister, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at his home along with a National Conference delegation. After all this, the application of the PSA on Abdullah, hours before the Supreme Court was due to hear a habeas corpus petition for his production filed by MDMK leader and Rajya Sabha member Vaiko, says more about the government than about a man who was the face of moderate politics in Kashmir, apart from being the standard bearer for India on the Kashmir issue.

Abdullah — and his son Omar — may have many a question to answer when it comes to their record of governance in the state but not the question of fealty to the Indian Constitution. Indeed, 25 years ago, during the height of Pakistan-sponsored militancy in Kashmir, it was Abdullah that the Centre fielded to defend India against allegations of human rights violations in the Valley. He also risked his life and political future by going along with the Centre's push for Assembly elections in 1996, winning the election that saw a good turnout despite a boycott call by the Hurriyat. His six-year term was a period in which militancy gradually decreased to virtual irrelevance by 2002. It is ironic that as India faces a fresh round of international concern and allegations for its arbitrary detentions and communications blockade in the Valley, the same leader who, despite some faux pas, acted as a reliable bridge between Kashmir and the Centre, has now been detained under a law that does not require him to be produced before a court for up to two years. It is astonishing that the Court accepted this without question.

Since August 5, when the government abrogated the state's special status, split it into two Union Territories, picked up hundreds, and imposed a lockdown, all has been justified in the name of keeping the peace. A full 43 days have passed. It is not just odd, it is a matter of increasing concern that the government appears to have made little progress on a plan of engaging with the Kashmiri people other than through saturation security presence, arbitrary arrests, a communication blockade and now using a draconian act against a key political leader.

CLEARING THE AIR

Odd-even policy is no magic bullet to tackle pollution. But it is sure to trigger a conversation about Delhi's environment

ALMOST FOUR YEARS after it was first implemented in Delhi, the odd-even scheme will make a comeback in the city. Last week, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that the road rationing scheme will be a part of a seven-point programme to combat pollution from November 4 to 15. The scheme, that will be implemented a week after Diwali, when Delhi's air is at its worst — the post-festival pollution combines with the smog from stubble burning in Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh, and particulate matter from tailpipes of vehicles. In the last three years, the Delhi government and the agencies responsible for managing the city's environment resorted to knee-jerk reactions, which did very little to improve the city's air quality. The AAP government's decision to have a pollution-management plan in place nearly two months before the acrid smog hits the city is a welcome departure from the past.

The road rationing scheme allows vehicles to ply on alternate days, depending on odd and even number plates. It was introduced in January 2016, as a desperate measure of sorts after the Delhi High Court described the city as a gas chamber and asked the state government to submit a time-bound plan to mend matters. In response, the AAP government implemented the road-rationing scheme for 15 days in 2016 — from January 1 to 15 and then, from April 15 to 30. An ugly squabble between the Delhi government and the National Green Tribunal (NGT) came in the way of its implementation after Diwali in 2017. The NGT contended that any relaxation would come in the way of improving the city's air quality while the government wanted exemptions for two-wheelers. The government had argued then that Delhi's public transport wasn't equipped to handle the fallout of extending road-rationing to two-wheelers. The government has not talked about exemptions as yet. It has nearly two months to iron out glitches and sort out potential differences that could come in the way of the smooth implementation of the plan. More importantly, it needs to ensure that the city's public transport system is able to meet the needs of commuters on days when their vehicles will be off the roads.

In itself, the odd-even scheme is no magic bullet to clean up Delhi's bad air. But the good news is that the AAP government envisages road rationing as a part of a bouquet of pollution-control measures. It has also initiated a welcome conversation on Delhi's annual tryst with bad air well before it engulfs the city.

PAST ITS PRIME

Doordarshan reaches retirement age, and faces competition from the private sector in what was once its core competency

DOORDARSHAN, INDIA'S PIONEER in the TV spectrum, has turned 60. In most of the world's nations, this is a popular retirement age. It is generally agreed that workers attaining this milestone should clean out their drawers, accept a watch at a small farewell ceremony, gracefully get out of the way and recede into the sunset of redundancy. The parallel with Indian television is striking. Doordarshan began regular transmission in 1965 as a news service and in the Seventies, it was the most powerful propaganda channel of the government. But no contemporary government could possibly need such a service any more, now that private enterprise has rendered it redundant.

Today, the majority would balk at the idea of starting or ending the day with Pratima Puri or Salma Sultan calmly enumerating the signal deeds of the government of the day. A horde of private channels offer the very same thing, presented with the energy of slam poetry and the unabashedly staged quality of WWF wrestling. The national channels represent only the tip of the iceberg. State capitals also have their own government mouthpieces, exuberantly hammerlocking the opposition parties every day. There are so many eager to inform this nation, permanently afflicted by attention deficit disorder, which perpetually wants to know.

But let us not imagine that Doordarshan is completely redundant. Like Indian Airlines was tasked to service unremunerative routes, Doordarshan brings us glad tidings from the world of kho-kho, and news from farm and field that private channels would sniff at. Besides, Doordarshan's history was made memorable by hugely successful serials in multiple genres, like *Buniyad*, *Tamas* and *Karamchand*. As the news of the day aspires to the condition of fiction, perhaps the national broadcaster can take pole position again, with productions that lay no claim to the truth, but exuberantly depict hyperreality.



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FROM A LEVEL of 8.1 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2017-18, quarterly GDP growth fell to 5 per cent in the first quarter of 2019-20, a fall of 3.1 percentage points. The slowdown of the Indian economy is no longer in dispute. Thankfully, the government has come out of denial mode. The critical question is: What should be done to reverse the process? Is the downturn cyclical or structural? Any downturn that happens because of a weakening of demand is cyclical. On the other hand, if there are fundamental weaknesses in the structure of the economy, these need to be removed to sustain high growth. Successful implementation of the structural reforms in 1991 pushed India's potential growth rate to a high level. What we are witnessing in the Indian economy is a combination of the two. Several sectors such as automobiles and housing are facing a sharp weakening of demand. And there has been a significant fall in the savings and investment rate. Within household savings, the proportion of savings in financial assets has sharply declined. Apart from these, a significant growth-stifling factor is the weakness of the banking and non-bank finance sectors due to both cyclical and structural reasons.

The central government and the RBI have responded with a number of policy initiatives. The RBI has reduced the repo rate by 110 basis points since February 2019, reducing it from 6.5 per cent to 5.4 per cent. The central government has also undertaken a number of steps post the 2019-20 budget which include — withdrawal of enhanced surcharge on foreign portfolio investors, a public sector bank consolidation plan, additional depreciation rates for vehicle manufacturers, additional credit support for housing finance companies and recapitalisation of public sector banks. The slowdown appears to be continuing in spite of these measures.

The saving rate has fallen from 34.6 per cent in 2011-12 to 30.5 per cent in 2017-18. The investment rate, which is dependent on the saving rate supplemented by net capital inflows, has also fallen from 39 per cent of GDP in 2011-12 to 32.3 per cent in 2017-18. This persistent downward trend of the saving and investment rates has led to a fall in India's potential growth rate to below 7 per cent. Any additional fall below the potential growth rate may be due to cyclical factors.

Spend to grow

Government should explore all avenues to expand capital expenditures

The monetary authorities have reduced the policy rate but banks have not followed suit due to structural problems against the background of rising non-performing assets. As one commentator on the central banking system said several decades ago, "The central banking system is equipped with efficient brakes but the accelerator is uncertain." While the RBI can play a supportive role in expanding liquidity, we must understand the basic limitations. Banks must also be careful while expanding credit. Inappropriate lending can land them in trouble later. Recapitalisation of public sector banks does not "infuse" fresh funds. The mechanism adopted only enlarges their freedom for lending. The bank consolidation plan could have been introduced at a more favourable time.

In the present context of a declining investment rate and declining demand, a good solution will be to enhance government expenditure, especially capital expenditure.

On the scope for increased spending, the bonanza from the RBI will go only to meet the shortfall in revenues. A larger disinvestment may help.

Other changes in the fiscal sector during recent years may also have had a structural impact. For example, GST has changed the structure of indirect taxes, affecting the balance between goods and services, formal and informal sectors, and central and state tax revenues compared to the pre-GST period. Since its implementation, the compliance cost has risen considerably for the assesses, particularly the small and medium enterprises. The buoyancy of centre's indirect taxes in the post-GST period has been at low levels — 0.5 in 2017-18, 0.2 in 2018-19 and is budgeted to be 0.6 in 2019-20.

The decline in price level in recent years partly because of the new monetary policy framework has affected the nominal GDP growth rate and growth rate of tax revenues. The implicit price deflator has fallen more than 3 percentage points compared to the average of 2012-13 to 2013-14 and 2017-18 to 2018-19. The growth in central tax revenues fell by 3.5 percentage points and that in the states' own tax revenues by 4.7 percentage points during the same periods. These changes have left limited space for augmenting capital expenditure. The Centre's capital expenditure is currently languishing at 1.6

per cent of GDP.

Countercyclical policy is primarily the responsibility of the Centre. Given the revenue trends, it may not be in a position to increase its capital expenditure relative to GDP. Other available options include bringing on board state governments for increasing their capital expenditure relative to their respective gross state domestic products (GSDPs). Second, the Centre may invest through central public sector enterprises (CPSEs) an additional one percentage point of GDP compared to the present levels. Further, through the public-private partnership (PPP) mode, the private sector may be induced to supplement the government's investment in select projects. The amended FRBM Act has a provision for increasing the fiscal deficit by 0.5 per cent of GDP under certain circumstances. The government can make use of this provision.

The present slowdown is happening at a time when industrialised countries are themselves passing through a recession. Boosting export demand in this context becomes difficult. Our share in the world's exports is still small. Despite the recessionary conditions in the industrialised countries, it may still be possible to pitch for a higher growth in exports. The recent announcements on boosting exports is a recognition of this. Allowing the rupee to depreciate steadily may help exporters. The scope of monetary policy, as already explained, is limited. The government should explore all avenues to expand its capital expenditures. Public investment in the present context may crowd in private investment. Perhaps, one redeeming feature of the current situation is that despite floods, agricultural production may pick-up leading to a possible pick-up in rural demand. The government should also address sector-specific problems and these need not be fiscal in nature. A cautious expansion in banking credit can also help. It is also the time to look at structural reforms in the banking sector, governance in general and fiscal reforms relating to direct taxes and GST.

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PRAKASH JAVADEKAR

LEVEL 5 LEADERSHIP connotes honesty and integrity, commitment and passion, decision making, accountability. Crucially, such a leader must be a good communicator. Someone who delegates and empowers, and is an inspiring leader. On all these counts, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stands out.

His honesty and integrity are full and final. For him, national interest is the only interest. This helped him gain widespread acceptability during his 12 years as Gujarat CM: The poorest of the poor are convinced about his honesty and integrity. In five years, there has not been a single charge of corruption against his government. His humane side also came to the fore recently when he was seen consoling ISRO scientists after a last-minute snag in Chandrayaan-2. At Sriharikota, the PM delivered one of the best motivational speeches to the scientists and engineers at ISRO.

After assuming office in 2014, Modi bowed before the steps of Parliament. He followed this up by bowing to the Constitution, before declaring that his government is dedicated to the welfare of the poor, SC/STs, down-trodden and hitherto neglected. He went on to coin the slogan "Sabka saath, sabka vikas". And this year, he added "sabka vishwas" to it, which explains his intentions.

He thinks differently and acts differently. To motivate the bureaucracy and get their full

A LEADER PAR EXCELLENCE

For Prime Minister Narendra Modi, national interest is the only interest

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cooperation, he appointed 10 groups of secretaries to prepare a roadmap for the government in 10 different sectors. Every group gave presentations, and after due diligence, Modi asked them to work speedily towards achieving their respective goals. The following year, he asked them to present the progress made.

Probably, Modi is the first prime minister who has written a book — titled *Exam Warriors* — to guide and give confidence to students about how to approach examinations and other challenges in life. He has addressed more than 100 million students and parents in two successive years. In his interactions with students, he even referred to PUB-G — clearly the PM is up to date with the latest happenings. This also helps him establish an immediate connect with students and youngsters. Modi has probably been the first Indian politician to realise the potential of social media, and has used it effectively not only to reach out but establish an immediate connect with the youth.

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GST, demonetisation, the surgical strikes, Balakot air strike, actions against corruption, abrogation of Article 370, banning triple talaq, are examples of his decisive leadership.

Some examples of empowerment of the poorer sections include 10 per cent EBC reservation, Ujjwala gas scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas, Ujala scheme for LED bulbs, Mudra, Skill India, Ayushman Bharat, Kisan Samman, pension to unorganised sector labour, remunerative prices to farmers, and 95 million toilets.

GST is a great example of his faith in co-operative federalism. Decisions about every word of the GST law, rules and rates were reached unanimously.

PM Modi is creative and innovative. He understands that only research and innovation will help India enter the big league. Therefore, he started Atal Tinkering Labs in nearly 3,000 schools where robotics, 3D printing and other advanced technologies are made available. Students experiment with these gadgets and come up with exciting ideas. These ideas are mapped in olympiads organised for the purpose. For engineering students, for instance, he promoted "Smart India Hackathon". He has also established Atal Incubation Centres in various IITs and NITs.

Finally, he also interacts regularly with start-ups and makes it a point to meet youth with innovative ideas.

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SEPTEMBER 17, 1979, FORTY YEARS AGO

AFGHAN PREZ RESIGNS

NUR MOHAMMAD TARAKI of Afghanistan resigned as president and party leader in Afghanistan, the state-owned Radio Kabul announced. He has been replaced by Hafeezullah Amin, prime minister and first minister of Afghanistan, who is considered a more hard-line communist than Taraki — his government had been preoccupied with combating a spreading Muslim rebellion. Taraki came to power in April, 1978, following a bloody coup which toppled the government of Mohammed Daoud. Taraki, a scholarly poet-politician, was considered a less ardent communist than many members of the pro-Soviet Khalq (people's) Party.

FUTURE RSS GOVT

RSS CHIEF BALASAHEB Deoras said the RSS will gain the popularity needed for forming the government in the country in the next 10 years. "Nobody can have any grudge in case of such an eventuality in the democratic set-up," he told a closed-door question-answer meeting attended by about 100 persons in Bhopal. He said the "present tirade" against the RSS was because of its gaining popularity since the Emergency. He said "dual membership" was a non-issue, and that political parties should not bother with what their members do besides politics. Deoras described the former external affairs minister, Atal Bihari Vajpeyi's recent observations on the RSS, as

"embarrassing". He said RSS member could not be barred from becoming MPs and MLAs, as desired by Vajpeyi.

AKALI DAL SPLIT

AKALI DAL PRESIDENT, Jagdev Singh Talwandi, has suspended the revenue minister, Jiwan Singh Umranangal, and three MLAs — Parkash Singh Majithia, Hari Singh Zira, Kartar Singh Vaid — and Gurbachan Singh from anti-party activities. Talwandi said a meeting of the Dal Working Committee was being called on September 18 to endorse the decision. The action is a sequel to the call given by the pro-Badal delegates for a parallel delegate session on October 10.

The reality check

The change in Jammu and Kashmir's status will make little difference vis-a-vis Pakistan, situation on the ground in the Valley. It cannot but feed into the already prevailing sense of alienation



SHARAT SABHARWAL

A COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS for the country of the recent, electorally-rich move of the government on Jammu and Kashmir must await its outcome in the Valley. However, what the move has not done is clear.

The reaction to it — a sense of satisfaction in India minus the Kashmir Valley ("rest of India"), consternation in the Valley and contrived outrage in Pakistan — is rooted in emotions or expediency.

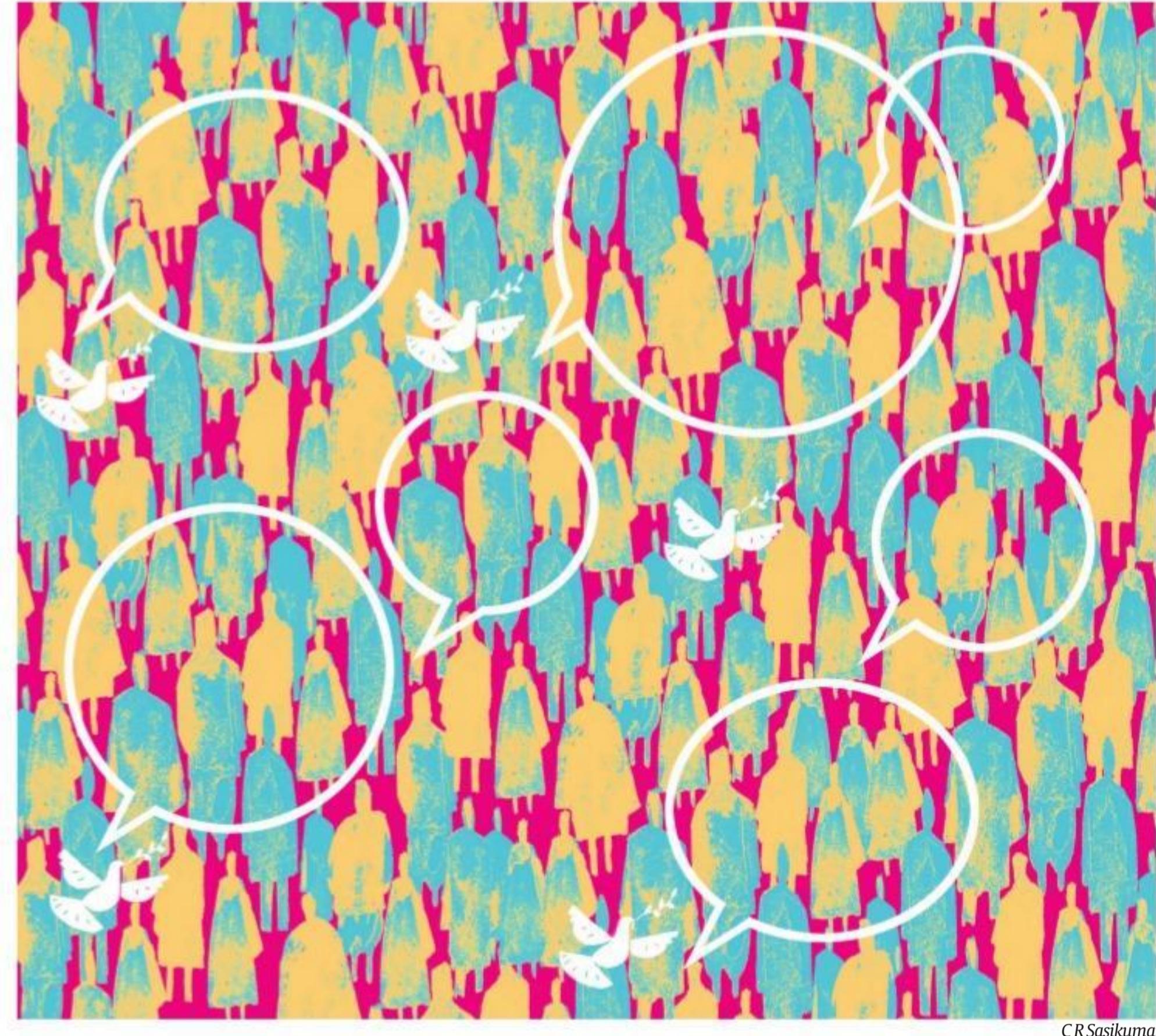
The satisfaction in the rest of India stems from years of frustration at the failure of our efforts to establish durable peace in Kashmir and the widely-held perception that its special status was a mistake. We can discuss the history of the issue till the cows come home, but what matters is its future. Three principal arguments have figured in our national discourse: It has altered the terms of our engagement with Pakistan (no need to discuss Kashmir as it is firmly integrated with India or we will now discuss only the return of PoK), better central control over a sensitive region and ushering in an era of peace and development in J&K, whose progress was hampered by its special status.

Now the reality.

Pakistan's questioning of J&K's accession to India did not originate from its special status and will outlast its withdrawal. We took the issue of Pakistan aggression in J&K to the UN (hindsight tells us that this was a misstep), but the great power politics of the day turned it into one of the future of the territory. In the Simla Agreement, we jettisoned the UN's role, but agreed to hold bilateral negotiations for "a final settlement of Jammu and Kashmir". We have not renounced this agreement. Since the late Eighties, when widespread terror and violence broke out in Kashmir, we have talked to Pakistan on this issue essentially for one or more of the following reasons: International pressure, to manage the relationship and reduce violence and the expectation that Pakistan could be moved in a positive direction through dialogue. With our increased clout, the role of international pressure has diminished considerably. J&K's special status figured nowhere in these considerations.

As for discussing only the return of PoK, this has been our national position all along, reiterated in every round of dialogue with Pakistan — the finality of J&K's accession, the only issue for discussion being the vacation of its parts under Pakistan's illegal occupation. The reported discussions for formalising the existing territorial status quo, such as at the time of signing of Simla Agreement, have been without prejudice to the above. The possibility that our government's move was aimed at forcing Pakistan's hand to settle for the existing territorial status quo has been negated by the chorus for the recovery of PoK being our next step. Never mind that Pakistan will not give it up voluntarily and its recovery militarily will pit us against China, besides Pakistan, because of its deep interest in the so-called Gilgit-Baltistan, with its entry to the CPEC.

It is true that the central government will have direct control over law and order in the Union Territory of J&K. However, the gain will



be marginal as J&K's statehood and special status were never serious impediments to operations by security forces against internal turmoil or their deployment for the defence of our external boundaries. Moreover, the instrumentality of Governor's/President's rule was available, when necessary. Arguably, a key asset in a sensitive region is the loyalty of the local populace.

The scrapping of the considerably eroded special status will not make much difference to the life of people in the Valley. However, the abrupt move, together with the breakup and downgrading of the state, cannot but feed into the already prevailing sense of alienation and religious radicalisation, which Pakistan has been exploiting. The underlying assumption that deprived of the hope of any negotiations on the status of J&K, people would buy into the development agenda and emotionally integrate themselves with India is a leap of faith. Peace, a prerequisite for the settlement of citizens from the rest of India in J&K and investment by them, faces serious challenges in the Valley and any turmoil there will not leave the Jammu region untouched. Influencing public opinion requires a massive effort to engage with the people, which has been missing in the last few years. We need agents of change with mass following to carry our message. With the mainstream parties marginalised and actively discredited by the government, who is to play that role? Any opportunists coming forward may prove to be just that. The impact — positive or negative — of the recent move on the situation in the Valley will not disappear with its withdrawal.

Pakistan does not care for Kashmiris and for a long time has had no hope of making any territorial gains against us. However, its security establishment finds Kashmir expedient to sustain the India bogey for its institutional interest of keeping a stranglehold on the country's polity and has been using terrorism to keep the Valley on the boil. These considerations underlying Pakistan's posture had nothing to do with J&K's special status and will not disappear with its withdrawal. Pakistan has opportunistically sought to exploit the Indian move to bring international focus on Kashmir. It is evident from the reported presence of terrorists at launchpads across the LoC and the NSA's linking of withdrawal of restrictions in the Valley to Pakistan's behaviour that the recent government move has made no difference to the Pakistan dimension of our Kashmir problem. Addressing it requires a different set of measures, discussed at length from time to time, most recently post-Balakot.

The die having been cast, the best we can do is to devote our energies to building not only immediate but durable peace in the Valley, despite heavy odds. This requires engagement with the people and not shock therapies. Otherwise, the recent initiative would risk being remembered for having caused considerable disruption on the ground and placed Kashmir in the international limelight without serving the national interest, with the possible exception of limited dividends in Ladakh.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Despite India's mantra that 'all is well' in... (Kashmir) the realisation is slowly growing that India's military enforcers have unleashed a reign of terror."

—DAWN

Myth of religious solidarity

Reactions of several Muslim countries to India's decision on Kashmir shows that political and economic interest bind nations — not ideologies

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AS PAKISTAN STRUGGLES to mobilise the international community against India's decision last month to change the status of Jammu and Kashmir, its chattering classes are deeply disappointed at the lack of support from the world's Muslim nations. There has been special criticism of the United Arab Emirates and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, long seen as Pakistan's staunchest supporters in the Muslim world, for not coming out to criticise India's move.

The public debate in Pakistan did not take long to accept, if grudgingly, that the growing economic stakes in India for the UAE and KSA have trumped Pakistan's calls for religious solidarity on the Kashmir question.

Pakistani analysts also compare the differing perspectives in the Gulf about Delhi and Islamabad. The UAE and KSA see Delhi as a valuable business partner and Islamabad as a supplicant seeking financial favours whenever Pakistan faces an economic crisis.

Pakistan's own national experience negates the proposition that the world's Muslims constitute a coherent political community. Religion is not nearly enough to bind the people of the same country let alone unite nations.

Although set up as the homeland for South Asian Muslims in 1947, Pakistan lost its eastern wing within 25 years. In the creation of Bangladesh at the end of 1971, the strength of linguistic identity prevailed over the presumed weight of religious affinity. The current political unrest among the Baloch, Pashtun and the Mohajir communities transcends the shared Islamic identity in Pakistan. So does Pakistan's oppression of the Muslim minorities like the Shia and the Ahmadi.

China provides an example — twice over — of the limited importance of religion in shaping partnerships between nations. It is communist China — and not the Muslim world — that has extended unstinting support for Pakistan on Kashmir in the last few weeks. The reasons for it are easy to see. China has a shared interest with Pakistan in balancing India. And Beijing is a party to the disputes in Kashmir.

Islamabad's own willingness to put national interests above Islamic solidarity is seen in its response to Beijing's ill-treatment of Uighur Muslims in China's far Western province of Xinjiang. Pakistan's prime minister Imran Khan who has been roaring like a lion on India's oppression of Kashmir turns a mouse when he is asked about China's repression of Muslims.

If the appeal to religious solidarity has only limited value, why does Pakistan persist with it? For a nation that broke away from India in the name of Islam, the emphasis on religious solidarity is at once a tool of legitimacy and a political mission. After Partition, Pakistan embarked on a massive campaign

to promote Islamic solidarity with the Middle East. Bewildered by Pakistan's zeal for Islam, King Farouk of Egypt reportedly remarked in jest that he "did not know Islam was born on August 14, 1947".

All nations have their founding myths and can't let reality come in the way of formal adherence to them. India, of course, is not a stranger to this. If Pakistan abides with the myth of Islamic unity, India has its own — for example, the idea that solidarity with the "global South" against the "hegemonic West" is a fundamental principle of its foreign policy.

It was just a decade and a half ago, during 2005-08, that India came quite close to abandoning its own nuclear interests for the presumed obligation to defend Iran's controversial atomic programme. As the US debate on the historic civil nuclear initiative got entangled with Washington's pressures against Tehran, there was a strong demand in Delhi that India stand up for Iran in the name of non-aligned solidarity. The Manmohan Singh government managed, briefly, to resist this temptation. Delhi's decision then was vindicated by Iran's move soon after to accept a nuclear compromise with America on rather harsh terms in 2015.

Pakistan is not alone in viewing the Gulf through the Islamic prism. India did much the same. For far too long, Delhi had over-determined the Islamic factor in assessing the foreign policies of the UAE and Saudi Arabia and branded them as "pro-Pakistan". No Indian Prime Minister visited Saudi Arabia between 1982 and 2010 and the UAE between 1981 and 2015. When India initiated interest-based engagement with these countries, there was a rapid improvement in bilateral relations.

In the 20th century, many transcendental ideologies such as communist internationalism, pan-Asianism, pan-Arabism, pan-Islamism, and Third Worldism swept the world. But none of these could be sustained in a world that continues to be organised around the nation-state. The Comintern, Arab League, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and the Non-Aligned Movement have all turned out to be dysfunctional. National interest tends to triumph, almost all the time, over proclaimed loyalty to a collective identity.

To be sure, nations will continue to invoke larger identities when it suits their particular interests. Chinese leader Xi Jinping has talked about "Asia for Asians". It is a nice way of asking America to get out of Asia. But many Asian nations are afraid of a rising China and would rather have America stay as a balancing power. Recep Tayyip Erdogan sees himself as not just the leader of Turkey but the entire Muslim world. Few in the region are eager to cede that mantle to Erdogan.

Although Pakistan's Islamic internationalism is a wasting asset, Islamabad will find it hard to stop playing the card. Someday in the future though, Pakistan might yet recognise reconciliation with India will release its energies for a larger role in the Middle East, the Muslim world and beyond.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

BOOST EXPORTS

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'No half measures' (IE, September 16). It is essential that the government doesn't tax exports. That would improve exports, revive the economy and encourage investment. The government will also need to initiate the improvement of infrastructure facilities. It should carefully study the experience of European countries with the economic crisis.

Sanjay Chawla, Amritsar

SPARE THE WOMAN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Births of a nation' (IE, September 16). The author is right in pointing out that women have to largely bear the burden of the shame in the narrative of non-participation in socio-economic activities. However, it should be noted that child-bearing, especially in India, is not the choice of the woman. The prime minister's call should not be seen in the context of some hypothetical nation-building project but used as an opportunity to grant women agency.

Animesh Mohan, Balia

MAKE ROADS SAFE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Let's talk safety' (IE, September 13). The hefty penalties under the Motor Vehicles Act can deter rash driving but the government must set up safe and adequate parking spaces in crowded places. Fines could increase the corruption in the

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Breaker of the mould

The irrepressible life of Ram Jethmalani, who bent convention at every stage

ON RAM JETHMALANI'S departure to God's lounge, memories, dating four decades, crowd the mind. The early, heady days in the aftermath of the Emergency, an election fought hard resulting in victory; the failed Janata Party experiment, one more election won after the rebirth of the erstwhile Jana Sangh as the BJP; the loss to Sunil Dutt in the elections after Indira Gandhi's assassination, the only time I witnessed him alone and dejected; and, his son Mahesh's and my foray into legal journalism. And so the years passed by, with one battle after another. He was enriched by myriad experiences, political and legal, till his last few months when he lost the will to live. For a man who conquered life and triumphed over its every aspect, it was tragic to witness him in the winter of his life.

Ram Jethmalani defied and abhorred compartmentalisation. He wasn't just an eminent counsel practising at all levels of the Indian judiciary, from the magistrate's court to the Supreme Court, he was also an advocate of public causes and a politician of eminence. He wasn't just the country's best criminal lawyer, one you would trust with your life as so many of his clients undoubtedly did, but also a master of constitutional, civil and commercial law. His mastery over the Evidence Act was at par, if not better, than with the best in the world of international law practice. He was possessed of a gargantuan intellect, an elephantine memory, with the innate ability to seize

the moment in court. In that, he stood out amongst his distinguished contemporaries.

What also epitomised Jethmalani was his fierce courage and scant regard for his personal safety. His finest and defining moment may be his opposition to Indira Gandhi during the Emergency, appearing for political detainees and arguing for civil liberties, in the case of *ADM Fabalpur vs SS Shukla*, wherein the court held that Article 21 could be suspended during an Emergency threatening the very concept of Right to Life. The irrepressible Jethmalani had earlier addressed the local bar at Palakkad in Kerala, tearing into Mrs Gandhi and her dictatorial politics, and an arrest warrant was issued against him. He sought refuge in the US, attacking Mrs Gandhi's oppressive policies from foreign soil. It is now a matter of history that the Emergency was lifted and Jethmalani returned to contest and win the elections against H R Gokhale, the law minister, who was one of the architects of the Emergency.

But the greater test of his indomitable courage and one which was fraught with grave personal danger was his defence of the conspirators in Indira Gandhi's assassination, Kehar Singh and Balbir Singh. So tenaciously did he persevere through a tortuous legal process, that he managed the acquittal of Balbir Singh, with Kehar Singh not being so fortunate. Passions were high, he had to resign from the BJP, but so strong was his belief that every accused required the benefit of a

synthesis of all cultures. strong defence, that he sacrificed his fees and time for a cause he believed in. His espousal of the cause did not stop here. He firmly believed that the moderate Harcharan Singh Longowal held the key to a peaceful solution to the Punjab crisis and was instrumental in facilitating the Longowal-Rajiv Gandhi accord.

Jethmalani also defended IPS officer Simarjan Singh Mann. Miffed at Mann's reluctance to follow the path laid down by him, Jethmalani called a press conference in his Harishchandra Mathur lane abode in Delhi, and denounced Mann as a lunatic, an act beyond intrepid in those times.

Jethmalani also possessed an extreme generosity of spirit, also of the intoxicating kind. He had tried to impress upon Morarji Desai the efficacy of his libations — each failed to convert the other. Jethmalani's home, hearth, bar and table were always open to his friends. Often, vehement disagreements would dissolve in the evening over a drink. He harboured no deep resentment against anybody. Towards the end, there was a rapprochement with even Arun Jaitley, due to the mediation of his son Mahesh. They buried their past differences, and ensured that in the twilight of their lives there were no regrets.

God made Jethmalani, then broke the mould.

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traffic police department and people might hesitate to drive their own vehicles. To avoid such a possibility, many states have decided either not to implement the Act or implement it partially. The government must improve the quality of roads and repair flyovers to reduce traffic congestion. Road safety campaigns must be conducted regularly. The government must motivate the people to observe the traffic rules.

Sauro Dasgupta, Kolkata





SRI LANKA

Lanka unveils
South Asia's
tallest tower,
funded by China

Colombo: Sri Lanka on Monday unveiled South Asia's tallest tower, which cost more than \$100 million, 80 per cent of which was funded by China under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The 350-metre-tall 17-storey Lotus Tower, located in the heart of Colombo city, comprises a television tower, a hotel, a telecommunications museum, restaurants, auditorium, an observation deck, a shopping mall and a conference centre. The tower is spread over an area of 30,600 sq metre, Sri Lankan media reports said. India has been severely critical of the BRI, the pet project of Chinese President Xi Jinping, as it comprises the \$50 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, which passes through POK.

AFGHANISTAN

Attacks ahead
of elections kill
7 more people

Kabul: Militant attacks and more violence killed at least seven people across Afghanistan as the country prepares for presidential elections later this month, Afghan officials said Monday. At least five civilians, including women and children, were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in western Farah province on Sunday, according to Mohibullah Mohib, spokesman for the provincial police. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the bombing, which occurred near the city of Farah, the provincial capital, but the Taliban are active in the province.

RUSSIA

Moscow deploys
S-400 missiles
in the Arctic

Moscow: Russia has placed S-400 missile defence systems at the Novaya Zemlya archipelago as Moscow seeks to increase its military presence in the Arctic, the defence ministry said on Monday. The surface-to-air-missile regiment of the Northern Fleet's air defence forces based on the archipelago's southern Yuzhny Island has been fully equipped with new S-400 systems, the fleet said. The regiment was earlier equipped with S-300 systems, a previous version of the missile.

AUSTRALIA

Man dies after
magpie attack

Melbourne: A 76-year-old Australian cyclist has died of head injuries while trying to escape from a swooping magpie, according to a media report. The magpie is a native Australian bird that gets aggressive in the Spring around breeding season. The cyclist suffered head injuries on Sunday when he veered off a path and crashed his bicycle into a fence of Nicholson Park at Woonona, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

TRUMP SAYS U.S. 'LOCKED AND LOADED'

Saudi Arabia says weapons from Iran used in attack on oil facilities

Yemen's Houthi rebels reiterate that they were behind strikes, warn of more attacks on oil infra

RICHARD PÉREZ-PEÑA &
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SEPTEMBER 16

SAUDI ARABIA said Monday that Iranian weapons were used in aerial strikes over the weekend that interrupted much of the kingdom's oil production, and that the attacks were not launched from Yemen, home of the Houthi rebel faction that has claimed responsibility for them.

The claims, made without supporting evidence, appeared to move the Saudis closer to directly blaming Iran, a chief ally of the Houthis, and United Nations experts say that Iran has supplied the group with drones and missiles that have greatly expanded its offensive capacity.

United States officials have said that Iran was responsible for the attacks on Saturday, the most audacious and damaging blow to Saudi Arabia in the four and a half years of Yemen's civil war, and have also cast doubt on whether they were launched from Houthi territory in Yemen. Iran has de-



The Aramco facility in Abqaiq was one of two sites hit. Reuters

nied any involvement.

The Trump administration has previously blamed Iran for the actions of the Houthis, and United Nations experts say that Iran has supplied the group with drones and missiles that have greatly expanded its offensive capacity.

US President Trump on Monday took to Twitter to suggest that Tehran could not be believed, reminding his followers of Iran's downing of a United States surveillance drone in June. Iran's version of events "was a very big lie," he wrote. "Now they say that they had nothing to

do with the attack on Saudi Arabia. We'll see?"

Trump, who has made American policy toward Iran markedly more hostile, tweeted on Sunday night that Washington was seeking Saudi input before a potential military response.

"There is reason to believe that we know the culprit," he wrote, adding that the military was "locked and loaded depending on verification."

The Saudi claims came from Colonel Turki al-Malki, spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis in



"There is reason to believe that we know the culprit... but (we) are waiting to hear from the Kingdom as to who they believe was the cause of this attack, and under what terms we would proceed."

— DONALD TRUMP
US PRESIDENT

training played a role.

An spokesman for the Houthi military, Brig. Gen. Yahya Sare'e, "warned companies and foreigners not to be present in the factories that were hit by our strikes because we may target them again at any moment,"

The Saudis, he added, were seeking to determine "where they were fired from."

The Houthis insisted on Monday that they had carried out the strikes using drones, while threatening more, although they made no reference to whether Iranian equipment or

Yemen, at a news conference in Riyadh. He did not provide any specifics, according to Saudi media and news service reports.

"The investigation is continuing, and all indications are that weapons used in both attacks came from Iran," he said. The

Almasirah, the Houthi news organisation, reported on Monday.

Saudi Arabia is leading the coalition that is fighting the Houthis in Yemen, waging a bombing campaign that has killed thousands, many of them civilians. NYT

After Johnson-Juncker meet, EU stands firm on Brexit, UK says talks will be stepped up

FOO YUN CHEE &
ELIZABETH PIPER
LUXEMBOURG, SEPTEMBER 16

THE EUROPEAN Commission said on Monday that London had still not proposed an alternative to the Irish backstop that has stymied a deal on Britain's exit from the EU, giving a blunt readout of a meeting between its president and Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Johnson's office gave a more upbeat account of the lunch meeting in Luxembourg with European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker, but reiterated that Britain would leave the European Union on its Oct. 31 divorce date and would not renege a day.

With less than seven weeks until Britain is due to leave the European Union, Johnson has yet to reach an agreement with Brussels on how to manage the separation between the world's fifth-largest economy and its biggest trading partner.

Johnson's office said in a statement after the Luxembourg lunch that talks between Britain and the EU would intensify.

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Luxembourg PM Xavier Bettel next to an empty podium after UK PM Boris Johnson cancelled a planned joint press conference. (Below) Johnson earlier met the EU's Jean-Claude Juncker. Reuters

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NETANYAHU FACES TIGHT RACE IN TODAY'S REPEAT ELECTION

Israel PM vows to annex all West Bank settlements

TIA GOLDENBERG
JERUSALEM, SEPTEMBER 16

ISRAELI PRIME Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed Monday to annex "all the settlements" in the West Bank, including an enclave deep in the heart of the largest Palestinian city, in a last-ditch move that appeared aimed at shoring up nationalist support



Netanyahu supporters with a campaign poster. Reuters

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MADE FROM VERTICALLY ALIGNED CARBON NANOTUBES

Engineers from MIT develop 'blackest black' material to date

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BOSTON, SEPTEMBER 16

ENGINEERS AT MIT claim to have developed a material that is 10 times blacker than anything that has previously been reported.

The material is made from vertically aligned carbon nanotubes, or CNTs — microscopic filaments of carbon that the team grew on the surface of a chlorine-etched aluminum foil.

The foil captures more than 99.96 per cent of any incoming light, making it the blackest material on record, according to the findings published in the journal ACS-Applied Materials and Interfaces.

Brian Wardle, a professor at



A diamond is coated with the new carbon nanotube-based material that is the blackest material on record. The image on the left depicts the diamond before it was coated with the material and the image on the right shows the diamond after it was coated.

R Capanna, A Berlato, and A Pinato/via MIT

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US, said the CNT material may be of practical use, for instance in optical blenders that reduce unwanted glare, to help space telescopes spot orbiting exoplanets.

"There are optical and space science applications for very black materials, and of course, artists have been interested in black, going back well before the Renaissance," Wardle said.

"Our material is 10 times blacker than anything that's ever been reported, but I think the blackest black is a constantly moving target," he said.

Wardle and former MIT post-doc Kehang Cui, now a professor at Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China, didn't intend to engineer

MEANWHILE

SNOWDEN SEEKS ASYLUM IN FRANCE

Whistleblower Edward Snowden said he would love French President Emmanuel Macron to grant him political asylum after one of Macron's ministers said if it was up to her she would offer him asylum. French Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet had said she supported granting asylum to him, though she made clear she was speaking in a personal capacity.

218 booked for rioting in Pak's Sindh over alleged blasphemy by school principal

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KARACHI, SEPTEMBER 16

POLICE IN Pakistan's Sindh province on Monday registered three cases against 218 rioters for vandalising properties, including a temple, after a school principal from the minority Hindu community was booked on charges of alleged blasphemy, according to media reports.

Widespread protests erupted in Ghotki district on Sunday after an FIR was filed against the principal of Sindh Public School on the complaint of a student's father who claimed the teacher had made anti-Islam remarks.

Another FIR was lodged against 150 people — 27 named and 123 unidentified persons — for blocking roads.

A third FIR pertaining to rioting and theft was filed against 23 people, including 11 unidentified persons, over reports that protesters had stolen goods from multiple shops in Shahi Bazar.

Police have asked the school administration to file a separate complaint against people who damaged the building and infrastructure, so that a fourth FIR can be registered, the reports said.

AG Ahmed said the alleged accused, Mal, who is currently in police custody, will be taken to court.

Meanwhile, the situation in Ghotki is under control on Monday and shops owned by Hindus in the area remained closed. Delegations of political parties visited the Dham Mandir, which was vandalised by the mob, and expressed solidarity with the Hindu community.

Tunisia establishment stunned as outsiders win race for presidency

TAREK AMARA &
ANGUS McDOWELL
TUNIS, SEPTEMBER 16

WITH MORE than half the votes counted in a presidential election, Tunisians have delivered a political earthquake by rejecting established leaders for a little known law professor and a media mogul jailed on suspicion of tax evasion.

Kais Saied and Nabil Karoui are leading 24 other candidates, who included the prime minister, two former prime ministers, a former president and the defence minister, and appear certain to advance to a runoff vote next month.

"He will fight corruption and establish a just state and continue the process of the revolution," said fishmonger and Saied voter Noureddine el-Arabi, proudly showing the ink forefinger that proved he had voted.

Karoui has for years used his Nessma television station and the charity he founded to present himself as a champion of the poor and a scourge of government.

Saied is a social conservative who wants to restore the death penalty and rejects equal inheritance for men and women. Saied's main focus is decentralisation of power. REUTERS



Kais Saied

EXPLAINED

Disillusionment after revolution

THE TRENDS seen in the latest elections indicate that the Tunisian voters have been disillusioned regarding their country's progress in the eight years since the 2011 revolution sparked the Arab Spring. From a list of candidates including multiple former prime ministers and other political luminaries, voters chose two political outsiders, underscoring the public's dissatisfaction with the establishment.

They are not entirely sure of the mechanism contributing to the material's opacity, but they suspect that it may have something to do with the combination of etched aluminum, which is somewhat blackened, with the carbon nanotubes.

Scientists believe that forests of carbon nanotubes can trap and convert most incoming light to heat, reflecting very little of it back out as light, thereby giving CNTs a particularly black shade.

"CNT forests of different varieties are known to be extremely black, but there is a lack of mechanistic understanding as to why this material is the blackest. That needs further study," Wardle said.

ON PRIVATE PLACEMENT BASIS

Air India Assets Holding raises ₹7K cr on BSE bond platform

ENSI ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

AIR INDIA Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL)—a special purpose vehicle (SPV) of Air India—on Monday successfully raised Rs 7000 crore by issuing bonds on private placement basis through the BSE Bond platform. The issue, which is the highest ever bids received for yield based bidding, received Rs 20,830 crore worth of bids.

AIAHL is planning to raise funds by issuing bonds with different tenures as part of efforts to clean up Air India's balance sheet.

These bonds would have a tenure of three years and three months. Banks and mutual funds mopped up the bonds in the first tranche of the bond offering. The proceeds from the bond offering would be used to repay Air India's debt. While it's for the first time that AIAHL is issuing bonds, Air India has issued bonds on earlier occasions and the last such issue

was worth around Rs 7,400 crore done in 2012. When AIAHL was set up last year, the plan was to transfer Rs 29,464 crore of Air India's debt to the SPV.

Ashwani Lohani, Chairman, Air India Assets Holding and CMD, Air India, said: "very happy at the overwhelming response to the bond issue fully backed by government of India. It is also very heartening to note that the entire issue was subscribed at a very attractive rate by 6.99 per cent. This reflects the confidence of the entire market in securities fully backed by government of India."

The positive response received from all categories of investors will act as a stimulus to the disinvest-

ment process of Air India Limited," he said. Vinod Hejmidai, Director, Air India Assets holding Director Finance, Air India Limited said: "the issue was oversubscribed by 208 times despite the volatile market conditions on Monday. It was the record largest mobilization of funds for yield based bidding in the history of BSE's Electronic Bidding Platform."

The issue was executed smoothly, efficiently and in a transparent manner on the BSE Electronic Bidding Platform," he said. As the debt-laden national carrier is set for disinvestment, NCDs worth little over Rs 7,400 crore in the name of Air India is likely to be novated to AIAHL.

P-note investments continue to drop; at ₹79K-cr in Aug-end

Investments through participatory notes (P-notes) in the Indian capital market stood at Rs 79,088 crore in August-end, registering the third consecutive month-on-month decline

INVESTMENTS THROUGH P-NOTES

P-notes has been declining since June, while the month of May had registered an increase over previous month

the end of August, Rs 52,150 crore was invested in the equities segment, Rs 26,259 crore in debt and Rs 678 crore in derivatives market

THE USE OF P-NOTES

has been on a decline since 2017 and slumped to a nine-and-a-half year low of Rs 66,587 crore in October-end

MARKET EXPERTS

attributed the decline to steps taken by regulatory bodies to curb P-note usage

BESIDES, A

large number of people have been seen



₹ 79,088 cr

Cumulative value of P-note investments in domestic markets till Aug-end – fell from Rs 81,082 cr in July-end

₹ 81,913 cr

The investment till June-end; it was at Rs 82,619 crore in the end of May and Rs 81,220 crore in April-end

shifting from P-notes to FPIs in the last few months

IN JULY 2017, Sebi had notified stricter norms stipulating a fee of \$1,000 on each instrument to check any

misuse for channelising black money. It had also prohibited FPIs from issuing such notes where the underlying asset is a derivative, except those that are used for hedging purposes

Govt exempts cash payments above ₹1 crore via AMPC from 2% TDS

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

IN A relief to the farm sector, the government has decided not to levy 2 per cent tax deduction at source (TDS) on cash payments of over Rs 1 crore made through Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs).

The government had made the provision of levying 2 per cent TDS on cash withdrawals exceeding Rs 1 crore in the Union Budget with an aim to discourage cash transactions and move towards a less-cash economy.

The provision is set to come into force from October 1. "Addressing the concerns raised by Agriculture Produce Market Committees (APMCs), it has been decided not to levy 2 per cent TDS on cash payments above Rs 1 crore made through APMCs, in order to make immediate payments to farmers for their produce."

NIRMALA SITHARAMAN, FINANCE MINISTER SAID IN A TWEET

Committees (APMCs), it has been decided not to levy the 2 per cent TDS on cash payments above Rs 1 crore made through APMCs, in order to make immediate payments to farmers for their produce," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in a tweet.

Meanwhile, in another tweet, the minister said an additional 15 per cent depreciation will be allowed on motor vehicles purchased between August 23, 2019, and March 31, 2020. She had made

Undersea cable unit of RCom files for US bankruptcy

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

RELIANCE COMMUNICATIONS' subsidiary Global Cloud Xchange Limited (GCX) has filed for bankruptcy in the US. GCX said in a statement that it has initiated voluntary, pre-packaged Chapter 11 restructuring with support from 75 per cent of lenders.

"GCX today announced a pre-packaged plan of reorganization that will support its long-term growth and development by reducing bond debt by \$150 million, providing a permanent capital structure that includes working capital facility and transitioning the business to new ownership. The company has initiated a voluntary case under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code to effectuate the plan..." GCX said in a statement.

GCX, which owns private undersea cable system spanning more than 68,000 route kms, is a subsidiary of Reliance Communications, and offers portfolio of solutions customised for carriers, enterprises and new media companies.

"More than 75 per cent of the company's lenders have already committed their support for the plan, which outlines the terms for a transaction through which GCX's senior secured noteholders would become owners of the company and provide new loans to support and grow the business," GCX statement said.

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While the two sides are set to resume face-to-face negotiations in early October, most analysts do not expect a durable trade deal, or even a significant de-escalation, any time soon. Premier Li Keqiang said in an interview published ahead of the data on Monday that it was "very difficult" for the economy to grow at 6 per cent or more and that it faced "downward pressure".

Tsingtao, which is owned by the Chinese state-owned Tsingtao Beer Group, has agreed to buy 51 per cent of the British pub chain Wetherspoons.

Gujarat becomes first market in world for particulate matter emissions trading

AVINASH NAIR
SURAT, SEPTEMBER 16

GUJARAT BECAME the world's first market for particulate matter emissions in the world, after 155 industrial units of Surat came together for "live trading" under the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS).

Member secretary of Gujarat Pollution Control Board (GPCB) NM Tabhani, who launched the platform where the trading will begin from Tuesday said, "This effort is not meant to punish or shut down the industries. You need not be worried." The "launch of pilot emissions trading for particulate matter" was attended by industry participants from seven industrial clusters in Surat. "It is a matter of pride that this is the first such trading that is being launched for particulate matter in the world. Earlier, it was done for SO2 in the US and Europe where there were complaints of acid rain," Tabhani said.

The regional officer of GPCB, Paresh Dave said Gujarat takes a lead over Maharashtra and Tamil

how to allocate the total permissible emissions among themselves by buying and selling "emission permits." The units for whom it is cheap to cut pollution have an incentive to cut large reductions, while selling permits to other factories for it might be very expensive to reduce emissions. This flexibility can reduce costs without affecting environmental goals

Trading platform registrations have been completed by all the members. In the last one month, industries participated in mock auctions and bidding to determine mock permit pricing and data quality. Report cards on mock period performance were distributed to all member industries.

"Gujarat is going to be pioneers in this. This is the first such scheme on particulate matter in the world," he said adding that though work on the project has been going on since 2013, it "gained momentum" in last one year in Gujarat. Under the ETS, the overall amount of pollution allowed from 155 regulated industries is capped. These industrial units can decide for themselves

BRIEFLY

Strike may affect normal business: SBI

New Delhi: The State Bank of India (SBI) on Monday said the operations of the bank could be affected if the two-day strike call given by officers' unions materialises. Four unions of officers of public sector banks have threatened to go on a two-day strike from September 26 to protest against the announced consolidation of 10 state-run lenders into four.

Payment of all recurring bills via BBPS allowed

Mumbai: The RBI on Monday expanded the scope of Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to cover all repetitive bill payments, which may include school fees, insurance premiums and municipal taxes.

Allahabad Bank board approves merger

Kolkata: The board of Allahabad Bank on Monday approved the merger proposal with Indian Bank, making the amalgamated entity the seventh largest public sector lender of the country. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had on August 30 announced the consolidation of 10 state-run banks into four lenders. PTI

WPI inflation unchanged at 1.08% in Aug

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

WHOLESALE PRICE based inflation was unchanged at 1.08 per cent in August, reinforcing the expectation of a rate cut by the RBI in the October policy review.

Although the RBI takes into account the consumer price index based inflation while deciding its monetary policy stance, the decline in core inflation has strengthened the case for a rate cut, said an expert.

According to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on Monday, the increase in prices of certain food items was partially neutralised by static prices of manufactured goods during August 2019.

The WPI (wholesale price index) inflation was 1.08 per cent in July and 4.62 per cent in August 2018. Inflation in food articles rose to 7.67 per cent during the month as against 6.15 per cent in July mainly on account of rise in prices of vegetables and protein-rich

items. Vegetable inflation went up at 13.07 per cent from 10.67 per cent in the previous month.

Inflation in protein-rich items like egg, meat and fish rose to 6.60 per cent last month from 3.16 per cent in July.

However, fuel and power basket continued to witness deflation at 4 per cent in August as against 3.64 per cent in July.

Inflation in manufactured products showed no inflation print at 0 per cent as against 0.34 per cent in July, showed the data released by the ministry.

TRAI seeks views on maximum duration for phone calls to ring

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NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

TELECOM REGULATOR Trai has sought the industry's views to discover appropriate duration for a call to ring in a bid to ensure optimal usage of network and spectrum resources.

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's (Trai) latest discussion paper on 'Duration of alert for the called party' will also explore the

"possibility of customisation of ringing duration" by the phone users, according to a statement.

The objective of this consultation paper is to discover values for duration of ringing which should be configured by all the telecommunication service providers to force release calls in case no answer condition persists beyond the given duration," the regulator said. The paper also seeks inputs on appropriate measures to be taken in this regard.

Govt proposes to reduce fees for MSME and startup IPRs

New Delhi: The government has proposed to reduce fees for various intellectual property rights like patents and designs for micro, small and medium enterprises and startups to promote innovation, Commerce and Industry Ministry said on Monday.

An individual, group or industry has to pay fees at different levels of intellectual property rights

for expedited examination, it will be reduced to Rs 8,000 from Rs 25,000 currently. Similarly, for renewal of patents, the fees will be reduced. PTI

VW to pay up to \$87 mn in Australia

Canberra: Volkswagen and a law firm say the German automaker has agreed to pay up to 127 million Australian dollars (\$87 million) to settle an Australian class action stemming from its 2015 diesel emissions scandal.

The settlement was announced in the Federal Court in Sydney on Monday and has yet to be approved by a judge. Maurice Blackburn law firm says Volkswagen will pay between AU\$87 million and AU\$127 million. AP

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HOW EUROPE SEES BREXIT

Watchers in the dark

Europe ponders how to avoid blame for no-deal

IT IS unusual for European diplomats to become obsessed with British constitutional niceties. But recently they have watched Westminster with rare attention—and growing concern. Some gloat over the chaos of Boris Johnson's government, after it lost six Commons votes, its parliamentary majority, a clutch of Tory MPs and two ministers. Yet many are also alarmed by Mr Johnson's bullheaded insistence on leaving the EU on October 31st, "do or die", meaning deal or no-deal.

One example concerns the new law requiring Mr Johnson to seek the EU's agreement to extend the Brexit deadline rather than accept no-deal. His claim that he would rather be "dead in a ditch" than do this is seen as a threat to the rule of law. A second is the early suspension of Parliament, which many believe was done solely to avoid further scrutiny of the government by the legislature. On September 9th Scotland's highest court seemed to endorse this view by ruling that Mr Johnson's advice to the queen to suspend Parliament so that he could prepare a new legislative agenda was unlawful—in effect, accusing the prime minister of misleading the monarch.

The government is appealing against the judgment to the Supreme Court, which will hear the case next week with appeals from similar cases in England and Northern Ireland. The English judgment was that suspension was a political not a justiciable issue, and the Supreme Court may well agree. Some lawyers suggest it could even endorse both judgments, because Scottish law differs from English law.

Claims that Mr Johnson has misled the queen reverberate in Brussels. Next week marks 30 days since Mr Johnson met Germany's Angela Merkel, who seemed to set this deadline for finding an alternative to the Irish backstop that the prime minister wants to excise from Theresa May's withdrawal agreement. Yet no British proposal has been made.

When Mr Johnson met Leo Varadkar in Dublin this week, he claimed to be working for a deal and called no-deal a "failure of statecraft". His government's "Yellowhammer" analysis of no-deal, published on September 11th, talks of possible food, fuel and medicine shortages, lorry tailbacks and the risk of civil disorder. But the Taoiseach insisted that no backstop would mean no-deal, adding that it was impossible to replace a legal guarantee of no hard border in Ireland with a mere promise.

Diplomats report that twice-weekly talks are now taking place with Mr Johnson's EU adviser, David Frost. In late August there was even talk of adjusting the backstop by narrowing it to agribusiness or setting a time limit. The EU would also happily apply the backstop only to Northern Ireland, not the whole UK. A Northern Ireland-only backstop was originally in Mrs May's deal. It was replaced by a UK-wide backstop because the Democratic Unionist Party, which propped up her majority, insisted on no new border checks in the Irish Sea. Since Mr Johnson now has no parliamentary majority, the DUP is in a weaker position. Some of Mr Johnson's advisers want to revert to a Northern Ireland-only backstop.



EU leaders are likely to offer to extend the October 31 Brexit deadline to the end of January—and then wait for an election. Reuters

Yet the EU has hardened its position on Brexit, for three reasons. The first is that Mr Johnson has added new demands. He wants to drop promises to maintain a level playing field for regulations and distance Britain from future defence co-operation. These promises are in the political declaration about the future relationship, not the withdrawal agreement, but backing away from them still sends an unwelcome signal. The EU is clear that, without level-playing-field guarantees, it cannot offer a Canada-style free-trade deal to Britain for fear of being competitively undercut.

Second is Mr Johnson's loss of parliamentary control. Just as with Mrs May earlier this year, EU negotiators fret that any concession they may offer will still see the Brexit deal rejected in Westminster. They have noticed that MPs are better at saying what they are against than what they are for. They know many Tory MPs oppose Mrs May's withdrawal agree-

ment even without the backstop. And they see a rising prospect of an early election that Mr Johnson is by no means certain to win.

Third is the law to force the prime minister to seek an extension if no deal is reached by October 19th. For all Mr Johnson's threats to ignore it, EU leaders expect that, without an agreed deal, they will indeed be asked to extend the deadline. And although many are fed up with Brexit and would need a good reason for yet another extension, nobody is likely to veto one, if only because the EU

wants to avoid any blame for no-deal. For the same reason, suggestions that Mr Johnson might scupper an extension by threatening to behave badly, refusing to nominate a commissioner or asking a friendly leader to block one, are unlikely to prove correct. If no-deal happens, the EU wants it to be clear that it is by British choice, not by necessity.

A similar argument is heard against Mr Johnson's repeated claims that the EU will give him what he wants only at the last minute if he credibly threatens no-deal. The EU does not

function with a gun at its head, says one diplomat, adding that in this case the gun is anyway pointed at Mr Johnson himself. It is true that nobody wants no-deal, which would damage European exporters as well as Britain. But EU leaders value even more the interests of Ireland, the integrity of the single market and the laws underpinning it, and the need not to be seen giving in to bullying.

What will happen when the European Council meets in Brussels on October 17th? It seems clear that there will not be a British election beforehand, so EU leaders know they will be facing Mr Johnson for the first (and, some hope, last) time. Some diplomats fear that he might produce a proposal only at the meeting in hopes of bouncing the summit into agreement rather than risk a no-deal outcome. Yet without proper preparation, summits are not good places to conduct detailed negotiations. Instead, the leaders are likely to offer to extend the October

deadline to the end of January—and then wait for an election.

Mr Johnson's team still insists Brexit will happen on October 31st. Yet a deal is a long way off. And Parliament's intervention means a no-deal Brexit then also looks unlikely. The prime minister seems to want to fight an election in which he styles himself as the champion of the people against an anti-Brexit establishment, a category into which Brexiteers now lump the courts, along with Parliament, the civil service, the Bank of England and others.

He may win on such a platform, although the polls are volatile. But if he does, he will face the same demands in Brussels. Only if he comes up with a credible, legal alternative to the Irish backstop that can pass in Westminster will he get a Brexit deal. It will still be a tall order.

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THE VICE OF VAPING

Don't panic

Don't panic about e-cigarettes

"IT'S TIME to stop vaping," says Lee Norman, a health official in Kansas. Six people are dead in America, apparently from smoking e-cigarettes. More than 450 have contracted a serious lung disease. So Mr Norman's advice sounds reasonable. The Centres for Disease Control and the American Medical Association agree: the country's 11m vapers should quit. A new idea is circulating, that vaping is worse than smoking. On September 11th the Trump administration said it intends to ban non-tobacco flavoured vaping fluid. Some politicians want a broader ban on all e-cigarettes.

The facts have gone up in smoke, as so often happens during health scares. Although more research is needed, the evidence so far suggests that the recent vaping deaths in America did not come from products bought in a shop but from badly made items sold on the street. In five out of six cases, the tainted vaping products were bought illicitly; the other involved liquid bought in a legal cannabis shop

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also discourage people from drinking moonshine spirits, which are sometimes deadly. In Costa Rica, for example, 25 people recently died from imbibing hooch contaminated with methanol. However, just as with alcohol, regulators should draw a distinction between illicit products and the legal, unadulterated sort.

E-cigarettes are not good for you. The vapour that vapers inhale is laced with nicotine, which is addictive. Some of the other chemicals in it may be harmful. But vaping is far less dangerous than smoking tobacco—a uniquely deadly product. If people turn to e-cigarettes as a substitute for the conventional sort, the health benefits are potentially huge. Smoking kills 450,000 Americans every year, and a staggering 7m people worldwide. Anything that weans烟民 off tobacco is likely to save lives.



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The big worry about e-cigarettes is that they will create a new generation of nicotine addicts. Some people who have never previously smoked have taken up vaping, including a worrying number of children. In America, for example, one quarter of high-school pupils vape.

This is alarming, and helps explain why so many governments, such as those of

Egypt, Mexico, Singapore, Taiwan and Brazil, have banned e-cigarettes. They should not. Prohibition usually causes more harm than good. Forbidding e-cigarettes will lead vapers to buy illicit products—the type that are far more likely to poison them. It will also deter many law-abiding smokers from switching to something less deadly.

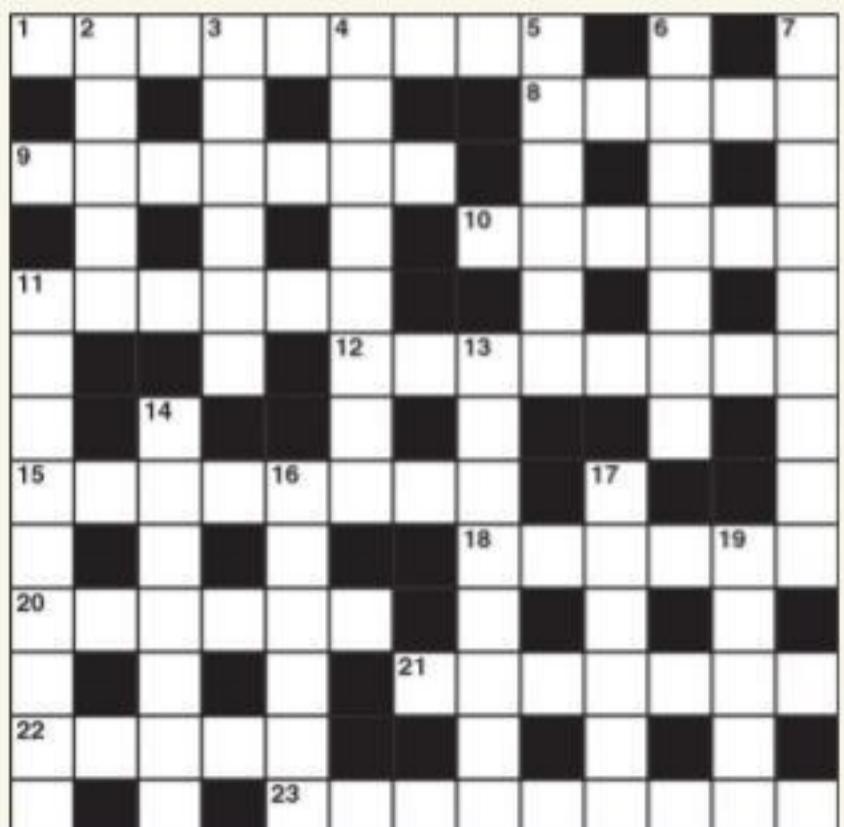
For these reasons, regulating vaping is

wiser than trying to eliminate it. Governments should carefully control what goes into vape fluid, following the example of the European Union, which restricts the amount of nicotine it may contain. America's FDA, by contrast, seems constantly to change its mind about how to regulate vaping. Governments should also regulate how e-cigarettes are advertised.

Marketing aimed at children is obviously unacceptable. So, perhaps, are fruity flavours that appeal especially to young palates. Government health warnings should be clear and measured. Vaping may be a dangerous habit, but it is vastly less deadly than lighting up.

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CROSSWORD 3912



ACROSS

- Political belief that's not right (9)
- Mistake some terrorists make (5)
- Sort of call a yodeller makes at a quiet time? (3-4)
- and 4 Down: What the pupil occupies in school? (4,2,8)
- George's rival appears to be tedious (6)
- A sincere attempt to produce more (8)
- Figure of importance to American defence (8)
- Loud Verdi composition full of fire and passion (6)
- Additional horsemen? (6)
- Rum makes saint wander (7)
- Get in different colour (5)
- Very pleased with the lamp indeed (9)

DOWN

- Bid for a chest without a top (5)
- Attack a devil with a gun, perhaps (6)
- See 10 Across
- Remote sort of astronomical object (6)
- It cuts timber from the far west (7)
- Held out, even with the head cut off (9)
- Change of speed leads to speed which is reckless (9)
- Paper that's bought to be thrown away (8)
- Harmless means to get any done (7)
- Nobody disputes it's the equivalent of a deadly sin (6)
- Opening quarrel? (6)
- Single unframed fireplace (5)

Solutions Crossword 3911: Across: 1 Maidens, 4 Ivory, 7 Lied, 8 Lost time, 10 Shopkeeper, 12 Ornate, 13 Dotted, 15 Churchgoer, 18 Economic, 19 Play, 20 Frank, 21 Sporran. Down: 1 Moles, 2 Liebound, 3 Stolen, 4 In the right, 5 Odin, 6 Yielded, 9 Sketchbook, 11 Stroller, 12 Ourself, 14 Traits, 16 Rayon, 17 Sofa.

JUMBLE WORDS

Below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quiz.

— may lead to self-destruction. -Aesop (4-7)

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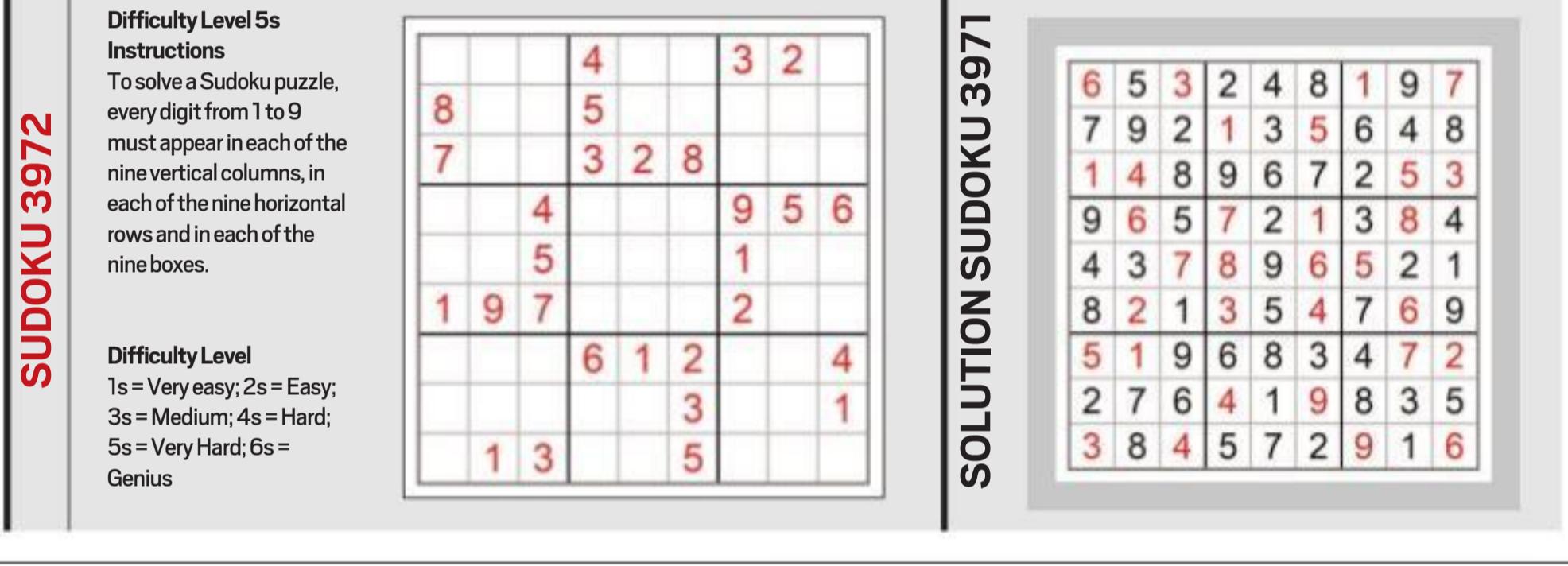
OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & I Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBES by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



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SOLUTION SUDOKU 3971

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DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)

If you're a dreamy idealist, your stars are perfect - well, almost. Mars, your planetary ruler, conspires to join the general system of romantic planetary influences. You can indulge your merest whim but do consider postponing all practical and routine tasks.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)

A word for all you Bulls whose life is currently set on a down-to-earth and practical path. You must tread very carefully this week, for all will not be as it seems. What appears to be so certain today will be a vague memory tomorrow, so this is no time for uncharacteristic hasty actions.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

The Moon is hopefully causing a radical change in your mood. As the hours pass, you should be feeling much more expansive, hopeful and optimistic. You're looking for ways to make some extra cash, but there may be savings to be had, first. It's not necessary to take a gamble.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

With the Moon now denoting such qualities as self-sacrifice, we may conclude that this is a period of routine chores and responsibilities. Roll up your sleeves and get your hands dirty. Actually you're in a very strong position and should be able to get your way in love as in all things.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)

Having suffered financial loss in the past, you are bound to look for scapegoats. On the other hand, rather than dwell on what might have been, I suggest that you get on and make plans for the future. In matters of the heart, you'll stand back and let partners take first place.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)

The current planetary set-up indicates that, after a number of false starts, you will finally find your feet. It's time for lateral thinking: you may, if you wish, disregard professional and family pressures. Or at least you may postpone them until you are in a better position.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)

Venus, your graceful planetary ruler, is now taking you from a romantic alignment to Neptune towards a passionate one to Pluto. Over the next few days your resolve should therefore be stiffened. And yet it looks as if the meetings and encounters which are now on the cards could be delayed.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)

It's a mixed moment, emotionally. Although one particular romantic tie or involvement now seems to have weathered all kinds of storms, coming events may persuade you that you need to check whether you're getting what you need out of it. And remember - it's good to talk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)

Work, travel and business are all featured strongly in your chart this week. On the one hand this suggests that intimate affairs will be down-played, yet your motivations will be no less personal for that. Somehow you have to explore your own past.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)

There's a general air of anticipation, and colleagues or associates appear to be on tenterhooks, waiting for something to happen. There may be a number of cul-de-sacs, red herrings and false starts before your long-term serious questions are answered.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)

Your lunar movements should push you from a mood of introspection into one of adventure and openness to new experiences. The time for navel-gazing is in the past, the time for action is here. And, if you don't see that yourself, partners will take a hand.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

Professional negotiations should be conducted with determination - but also with great subtlety. If there's anything you want from anyone at work, you'll have to use all your cunning wiles to get it. Plus, just because everyone else thinks something is true, that doesn't mean they're right.

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SNAP SHOTS



In Memoriam

THE LEAD singer of the American new wave rock band The Cars, Ric Ocasek was found dead in his Manhattan apartment on Sunday night. He was 75. The singer was pronounced dead by the New York Police and no foul play has been suspected. The Cars dominated the music charts in the 1970s and '80s. Their hits include *Just What I Needed, Shake It Up, Good Times Roll and Drive*. The band and Ocasek were inducted in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2018. Ocasek embarked on a solo career when the band broke up in 1988.



Behind the Scenes

POP ICON BEYONCE, who played Nala in the latest live-action remake of *The Lion King*, has co-directed a behind-the-scenes documentary on the making of the film. Titled *Making the Gift*, the film presents a detailed journey into how the album of the film was made and includes interview clips and recording session footage. The album has 13 songs, out of which eight feature Beyoncé.



Award Glory

JOJO RABBIT, the latest anti-hate satirical offering from New Zealand filmmaker, actor and comedian Taika Waititi, has been awarded the People's Choice Award at the 44th Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). A black comedy set in the final years of Nazi Germany, the film tells the story of a 10-year-old boy who admires Adolf Hitler and is faced with a dilemma when he discovers that his mother has hidden a Jewish girl in their home. It stars Scarlett Johansson, Sam Rockwell and Rebel Wilson. Waititi essays the role of a clownish, fictitious Hitler.



Coming Under the Hammer

ARTIST VS GAITONDE's untitled 1982 oil painting (pictured) fetched a whopping Rs 26.9 crores at Saffronart's recent 'Evening Sale' in Delhi, making it one of the top five highest value works sold by an Indian artist. The auction saw total sales of Rs 54.2 crores. The other highlights included Bhupen Khakhar's 1986 *Tradesman* that sold for Rs 3.72 crore and Ram Kumar's 1958 *Composition* that fetched Rs 2 crore. Pillai Pochkhanawala's 1981 sculpture *Assassination* sold for Rs 50 lakh, while Ramkinkar Baij's bronze sculpture portraying Mahatma Gandhi during the historic Dandi March sold for Rs 37.2 lakh.



PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS
The largest artwork done by Banksy, measuring nearly four meters, titled "Devolved Parliament", will be auctioned by Sotheby's in October. Painted in 2009, the work is expected to fetch 1.5 to 2 million pounds.

Of the People, for the People

Himanshu Bajpai on his cameo in *Sacred Games 2* and his book *Qissa Qissa Lucknowaa*



Himanshu Bajpai during a dastangoi performance

'Migrant domestic workers are like air'

Magnum Fellow and domestic worker-turned-street photographer Xyza Cruz Bacani on documenting migrant domestic workers in Hong Kong

TANUSHREE GHOSH

SHE WAS eight when her mother, Georgia, left her, to take care of her two siblings in their village in Nueva Vizcaya, Philippines. At 19, Xyza Cruz Bacani joined her mother in Hong Kong as a domestic worker and learned what Georgia went through — from being trafficked to Singapore, to escaping the rathole to work as a domestic help at a benevolent employer's house in Hong Kong. She realised that the "loss" she grew up with wasn't hers alone.

At the recent 10th Mountain Echoes literature festival in Thimphu, the photographer read out an excerpt from her book *We Are Like Air*, released last year, that captures — in photographs and words — the stories of eight foreign domestic workers, including her mother's.

The 32-year-old recalled how the challenge was to write "her own story". "I kept crying because it reminded me of the trauma that my family and I have been through," she says. Finishing the book, she says, was "cathartic". She didn't want to leave her family to the "cruel, unkind world". "Vulnerabilities are hardest for visual artists," says the domestic worker-turned-street photographer-turned-social documenter.

In 2009, spurned by her mother, who said, cameras are only for rich people, a determined Bacani turned to their employer and borrowed money against three months of her salary to photograph on the streets of Hong Kong. "My book is named *We Are Like Air* because migrant workers are like air. They are important, a necessity, but often unseen, just like air," says Bacani.

The restive energy of her black-and-white photographs — that have the subjects go about their chores — jumps at the viewers. Her photographic style is reminiscent of past photographers Dorothea Lange, Vivian Maier and John Moore. "The first two are dead, I'm still alive," she guffaws, before gathering her wits to say, "I tell the younger generation to look up to works of those before them. These people have wonderful experiences you can learn from. They paved the way for me."

The New York Times discovered Bacani before the Magnum Foundation, which, in 2015, awarded her the Magnum



Foundation Human Rights Fellowship to New York University for her photos of abused Filipino domestic workers in Hong Kong. "They did a profile on me (in 2014) because a photojournalist saw my works on Facebook and sent it to them," says the Pulitzer Centre grantee.

Migration tore her family apart but it also brought them together. "Survival was my way of dealing with the world. I'm on both sides of the spectrum — a child who was left behind as well as a migrant worker," she says, adding, "I get tired of the narrative of our story, it's always about tragedy, abuse and distress. These women are champions, on both sides of the migration divide, supporting their families back home while taking care of another family, allowing them to achieve their dream. We need to celebrate them as champions," she says.

Pointing at a photograph where she has zoomed in to capture a help's golden-sandal-strapped feet, out on the streets on her off day — with a group of other helps going to Church in the backdrop — Bacani says, "A domestic worker is her cracked feet and also her shiny sandals." She has other stories to tell — for instance, once she had to hike to capture (for an international publication) migrant domestic workers running a marathon. While women from Indonesia and Philippines are sought after as domestic help, she also spotted Indian helps in Hong Kong, who accompany families who settle there. They wear "tonnes of gold," says the bemused chronicler.

Speaking about the "substantial" remit-



(Clockwise from top) Migrant domestic workers at a beauty pageant in Hong Kong in April 2015; the book *We Are Like Air*; Xyza Cruz Bacani

tances that Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) send back home, the Filipina says, "Unfortunately, in my country, we don't export any 'thing', we only export people. The government has a labour export policy. Monthly, millions of dollars are arriving in my country from these remittances, and it's quite sad because a country that encourages its people to leave is a broken country. If children are growing up without the love, care and guidance of a mother, what kind of country are you running?"

Despite rights and systematised minimum wages, the photographer says, "Hong Kong is a city that cannot survive without migrant domestic workers who are cheap, given HK\$4,520 per month and a food allowance. Many sleep in bathrooms, kitchens and balconies." Having worked at the Bethune House Migrant Women's Refuge in Hong Kong, she felt "anger" every time she heard women's stories of abuse. Hong Kong is on the Tier 2 list in the US State Department's latest Trafficking in Persons report 2019, like India.

While Bacani has received recognition for chronicling the subject of migrant domestic workers and putting the issues of OFWs on the world map, the photographer has also been working on issues such as climate change and the ongoing protests in Hong Kong, which she refrains from commenting on. "I'm just there to document," she says. To the world, she has only one thing to say: "Who I was is the reason for who I am now and who I will be in the future."

EKTA MALIK

THE WORD "serendipity" keeps popping up in the conversation with dastango and author Himanshu Bajpai — be it with reference to his recent cameo as a dastango in *Sacred Games* season two or the third reprint of his book *Qissa Qissa Lucknowaa*. "Varun Grover, the writer of the show, has been a friend of mine since long. He knows what I do and is familiar with my work," says Bajpai, 32, who is seen entertaining the underworld don Ustad Isa and terror linchpin Shahid Khan in the series.

"Jo aam main hai wo lab e sheerin main nahin ras, Reshon main hain jo shaekh ki dhadi se muqaddas. Aate hain nazar aam to jate hain badan kas, langde bhi chale jate hain khane ko Banaras," recites Bajpai, sporting the traditional white angrakha and topi that is de rigueur for dastangoi. "The dastan that I am narrating is from the poem *Aamo ka Sehra*, penned by famous Lucknowi poet Saghar Khayyami. I have performed it several times," he adds.

While he feels the cameo will help create awareness about the art form, Lucknow-based Bajpai recalls how he started training in dastangoi under Mahmood Farooqui in 2013, on the behest of his friend and late dastango Ankit Chadda. "I don't have the requisite inborn talent to be a dastango, which Ankit did. I have acquired the skill, which I learnt, and am still learning," says he.

The artiste is excited about the third reprint of *Qissa Qissa Lucknowaa*, which is a compilation of famous anecdotes, stories and fables that pertain to his native Lucknow. "The book was first published in late January this year. These are the stories that I have grown up with. I belong to the Chowk area and have always been fascinated by these

qissas and kahaanis," says the writer. Comprising qissas on paan, bhaands and kathak dances, among others, the book is distinct from the other numerous writings on the city. The focus, says Bajpai, is on the *awaam* and not the *nawab* — even the tagline of the book is 'Lucknow ke Awami kisse'. "There has been a tradition of the 'nawabi' aspect dominating the narrative around the city. I have included stories on the people. For instance, today bhaand is often

seen as a contemptuous word, bordering on abuse, but they were the people who questioned authority. They were important practitioners of social satire," says Bajpai, who also holds a PhD on the *Awadh Akhbaan*, a Urdu newspaper published by the Naval Kishore of Press in Lucknow.

Published in Hindi, the book leans towards classic Urdu and uses some English words as well. "There has been criticism that the book has 'bhari-bharkam' words from Urdu and Hindi. It is written as if someone is reciting the tale. We have included a dictionary of sorts in the coming edition, but I also feel, that if someone makes an effort to look up a difficult word, he/she will remember it forever," he adds.

It was the current socio-political and cultural scenario that nudged Bajpai to write the book, combined with fear of losing this rich oral history to posterity. "We are letting go of the composite culture that once thrived in this city. I have seen the communalising of Lucknow and the country. I wanted to highlight the culture we come from. I have included the tale of Hindus honouring the sacrifice of Hussain during Moharram, which is a tradition of Lucknow" asserts Bajpai, who has also worked as journalist. "The experts, oral historians of the city, are aging and we need a younger custodian," says Bajpai.



A photograph by Namrata Chaudhary (left); Mahak Bhalla's fashion portraits

India in Pixels

An exhibition by student photographers focuses on the highlights of the year gone by

DIVYA A

IT WAS in 1977 when noted French humanist photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson appointed his protege Raghu Rai — a young photojournalist at the time — to Magnum Photos. The rest, as they say, is history. More than three decades later, the Raghu Rai Center for Photography is training young photographers in the field of social, cultural and political photography, in the style of the legendary photographer himself. Every year, some of their works are exhibited to give them a wider exposure.

In its seventh edition, the exhibition, this year, features works of 21 students, covering genres such as street and documentary, landscapes, photojournalism, portraits, photo stories, fashion and product photography. Apart from 62 standalones, there are eight photo stories — on the Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj. "For the three days the mela was held in December last year, I shot continuously. I would have taken hundreds

of pictures of the procession, the chivalry displayed during gatka and thousands partaking the langer," he says about his five-piece series "Jor Mela".

The highest contributor, with 15 works in the exhibition, Mahak Bhalla, travelled extensively during the year — to Mumbai, Delhi, Shimla and Rishikesh — to capture the streets, landscapes and the faces she found interesting. Some of her fashion photo-

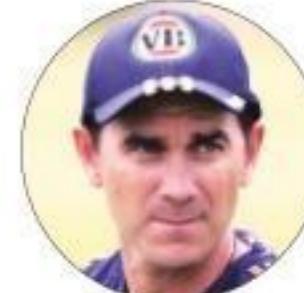
graphs are also on display.

The series "Choice of India", meanwhile, covers the biggest event of the year — the general election — with contributions from several photographers. In a photo series titled "A Kalasham", Aditya Satheesh captures a popular festival in Kerala.

The curator of the show, Nitin Rai, director of the centre, says, "This year, we have various genres of photography, which in-

cludes landscape, portrait, street, photojournalism, photo series, fashion and product — giving the students a bigger market for assignments and jobs. Most importantly, it covers all the important incidents that took place in India in the last one year."

The exhibition is on till September 19 at AIFACS, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, from 11 am to 7 pm



"I thought he let Stuart Broad get into his head and I think he thought way too much about it. In this instance I don't think David solved the puzzle, and he'll be the first to admit that."

JUSTIN LANGER ON DAVID WARNER

BRIEFLY

Tripura MP's inclusion in general body opposed

Kolkata: Ahead of the elections at the Tripura Cricket Association (TCA) on Tuesday, where the entire panel led by presidential candidate Dr Manik Saha – secretary Timir Chanda – is expected to be elected unopposed, questions have been raised over sitting Lok Sabha MP Pratima Bhowmik's inclusion in the general body. Bhowmik is a BJP MP from West Tripura Parliamentary Constituency, who has been included in the TCA general body from Sonamura Cricket Association. Another representative from the same unit, Dhruba Lal Chaudhuri, is in the general body as well. Chaudhuri raised objection to Bhowmik's inclusion in the general body, writing a letter to the electoral officer and stating that the latter holds public office which renders her ineligible. According to a TCA member though, the electoral officer, Kishore Ambali, and three administrators, Bibhal Nandi Majumder, BK Ray and Arunoday Saha, rejected the plea and termed that an MP couldn't be considered to be holding a public office.

... Mrs Pratima Bhowmik is the Member of Parliament from West Tripura Lok Sabha Parliamentary Constituency and the inclusion of her name in the electoral roll is contrary to the provision of Rule 3 (b) (vi) and 14 (3) of the BCCI Rules since she holds 'Public Office.' Chaudhuri, who is the president of the Sonamura Cricket Association, wrote in his letter, accessed by The Indian Express. He also called the decision "illegal," which amounts to "contempt of court".

Rule 14 (3) of the BCCI constitution bars an individual to be a member of the Apex Council if he/she holds public office. Rule 3 (b) (vi) disqualifies an individual to be part of any committee / council if he / she is disqualified from being an office-bearer and/or a member of the governing body / managing committee. SHAMIK CHAKRABARTY

Shehzad, Akmal in probables list

Karachi: Pakistan's chief selector and head coach Misbah-ul-Haq on Monday brought back batsmen Ahmed Shehzad and Umar Akmal among the probables for the upcoming limited-overs home series against Sri Lanka, which is uncertain after 10 of the island nation's top players pulled out citing security concerns. Both the batsmen have been out of favour with the previous national selection committee and the team management and were not considered for the World Cup earlier this year. Seniors Muhammad Hafeez and Shoaib Malik don't feature in the probables list as they have been given permission by the Pakistan Cricket Board to play in the Caribbean Premier League until October 12. PTI

Bangladesh drop Sarkar for T20Is

Dhaka: Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) axed top-order batsman Soumya Sarkar and called up three uncapped players in a further shuffle of their squad for the ongoing tri-nation Twenty20 international at home. Batsmen Mohammad Naim, Aminul Islam, Nazmul Hossain will join the squad for the third and fourth match of the tournament after Bangladesh's senior players failed to deliver in the first two matches. Bangladesh were 60-6 in the opening match against Zimbabwe before somehow managing a three-wicket win while failing to recover in Sunday's second match against Afghanistan after being reduced to 32-4 and lost by 25 runs. Soumya bore brunt criticism for Bangladesh's woeful batting performance at top, having scored just four runs in two matches. PTI

ANTI-CORRUPTION UNIT'S BUSIEST YEAR EVER

ACU says 12 players reported approaches

8 players from TNPL

2 from Karnataka Premier League

1 player from T20 Mumbai League

1 woman cricketer also reports approach

Rot runs deep

Unprecedented number of approaches being reported by players as ACU gets active on T20 leagues across country

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, SEPTEMBER 16

A DAY after *The Indian Express* reported rampant corruption in the Tamil Nadu Premier League, BCCI's Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) officials revealed several instances of players being approached for fixing games. Among those contacted by potential match-fixers include a present India woman cricketer, eight players from TNPL, two from the Karnataka Premier League (KPL) and one from the Mumbai T20 League, making this the busiest year ever for ACU officials.

"Players from the Indian women's team, TNPL, KPL, Mumbai League have informed us about someone approaching them. These unwanted elements want a platform and they keep approaching players. The Indian woman player who was approached was not even playing at the time, she was undergoing rehab," BCCI ACU chief Ajit Singh told *The Indian Express*. "This year, the cases of approaches have increased because of the additional responsibility we have taken of looking after various T20 leagues organised by the state associations."

On Monday, the ACU acted on the complaint by the woman cricketer by filing a First Information Report (FIR) against two individuals—Jitendra Kothari and Rakesh Bafna—at the Ashok Nagar Police station in Bengaluru.

Singh said the woman cricketer was undergoing rehabilitation at the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru when Kothari approached her, saying he wanted to be her manager. "He (Kothari) hails from Gurgaon and was approaching the player, asking her to appoint him as her manager. That he will get a sponsor and a good branding deal for her. He even sent an agreement to the player asking her to sign but the girl was playing so she didn't sign," Singh said.

"The man kept persisting and later introduced her to Bafna. She found it all suspicious and recorded their conversation with her. They wanted her to work as per their script and in return, she was to earn handsome money."

The development came to light in February this year before the Indian women's team was scheduled to play a One-Day International series against England as part of International Cricket Council (ICC)'s World Championship.

Singh said that the ICC conducted its inquiry into the matter and so did the BCCI's ACU. The latter conducted a follow-up as they feared that the Kothari-Bafna duo might approach other players too.

"Players have started to report, we go and take education classes before every season. The youngsters have given a positive response. Until and unless players come and report, we can't do much," Singh pointed out.

He explained how these 'unwanted elements' had moved abroad to places like Dubai. The BCCI's ACU wing gave its feedback to the ICC on the new T20 leagues coming up all over the globe. Singh said things are moving in the right direction as they try to keep

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The Tamil Nadu Premier League games drew good crowds even in off-centres like Dindigul and Trichy. File

these entities away from the game.

When asked whether ICC can rein in or have some control over these leagues conducted around the world, the former Rajasthan DGP stated, "Things have started to work, the Euro League is not happening, the Afghan league is not happening. We have given our feedback to them (ICC) but it's our view. These leagues are being hosted by the national boards, so on what basis can ICC prevent them?"

Apart from fixing approaches, the ACU also dealt with selection of cricketers in domestic teams.

This inter-state 'pay and play' scam came to light when three players complained to the ACU that they were cheated of their money on the promise of getting selected in Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh and Jharkhand first-class teams as guest players. "There have been cases from Arunachal holding its selection trials in Aligarh (Uttar Pradesh). We intervened there too. We disrupted it, some arrests were made there too," Singh asserted.

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Corruption in TNPL: Inquiry to be completed within a week

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THE BCCI'S Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) informed the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) and the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) authorities about the alleged corruption in the recently concluded T20 league about a month ago, *The Indian Express* understands. Accordingly, the TNCA formed a three-member inquiry panel comprising a retired Chennai police commissioner, a senior lawyer and a former India spinner to probe the alleged corrupt activities of a franchise, along with the cricketers who reportedly have been approached by bookmakers.

The Indian Express reported on Monday how bookies and match-fixers, after taking control of a franchise in the TNPL through an illegal deal with the team owner, are running "the team in such a way that they make windfall gain in betting." The TNCA inquiry committee, which is probing the allegations alongside the BCCI ACU, is expected to submit its report in about a week's time. "The BCCI's ACU looks after all T20 leagues in India. If they have found something wrong, they have intimated us about

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PS RAMAN
TNPL GOVERNING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

some owners for which an inquiry has been conducted. They (committee) are in the process of inquiring and they would be finishing it in about next one week. The owners and players have been asked to appear before the inquiry panel," a TNCA insider told this paper.

A TNCA press release on Monday confirmed the internal inquiry but refused to give details "on the specifics" - teams, players or officials - till the process is over.

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Broad has Warner's number: 104 balls, 35 runs & 7 dismissals in 10 outings

TUSHAR BHADURI
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

THERE IS no place to hide for a batsman if a top-class bowler gets on top of him in a long Test series, as David Warner would testify after his miserable Ashes campaign. Apart from a score of 61 in the first innings of the Headingly game, the other nine innings for the left-hander read 2, 8, 3, 5, 0, 0, 5 and 11. That's a total of 95 runs in 10 innings at an average of 9.5, the lowest-ever return for an opener in a five-Test series. Going by his struggles in the series, one wouldn't think he is closing on 6,500 Test runs at over 45 (the average was a bit higher at the start of the series) and has hit 21 hundreds.

Broad-sided

Seven of the dismissals have come at the hands of Stuart Broad, with the veteran England paceman getting the Aussie opener in every conventional way - caught behind

the wicket, bowled, lbw. Warner failed to get past Broad's opening spell in all but one of his knocks, the round-the-wicket angle and movement either way was too much for him to handle.

How the cookie crumbled

1st Test, 1st innings: lbw b Broad 2

A faint tickle down the legside went undetected by the umpire (England also didn't go for a review), but the reprieve was temporary. The ledger was balanced when the opener missed a full and, presumably, straight one to be adjudged lbw. However, the predicted path of the ball on the replay had it missing the leg-stump on the round-the-wicket angle. Warner didn't challenge.

1st Test, 2nd innings: c Bairstow b Broad 8

After hitting Broad for two boundaries in the over — one genuine, one edged — the bowler prompts indecision with his tight line on off-stump and movement both ways. Warner tries to take the bat away at the last moment,



Warner fell to Broad seven times in 10 innings during the Ashes. Reuters

but the back-of-a-length ball kicked up more than he anticipated and took almost the toe end of the willow on its way to Jonny Bairstow.

2nd Test, 1st innings: b Broad 3

A useful nip-backer dislodges a bail.

3rd Test, 2nd innings: lbw b Broad 0

After scoring a gutsy 61 in the first innings, Warner would have thought he had turned the corner. But it proved to be a false dawn. Again, Broad was his tormentor from round the wicket, a ball seaming from wide of the crease, doing just enough to hit him in line of the stumps and homing in on leg-stump.

4th Test, 1st innings: c Bairstow b Broad 0

A tight line on off-stump again proves to be Warner's downfall. He tries to let it go but decides too late and edges it to the keeper.

4th Test, 2nd innings: lbw b Broad 0

A full and straight ball traps Warner on the crease again as he grabs a pair and three

ducks in a row.

5th Test, 2nd innings: c Burns b Broad 11

By this time, Warner's head was a mess. A length ball outside off stump, one which normally would elicit a leave. But the left-hander pokes at it and it makes its way into the slip cordon to cap off a nightmare.

Nothing worked

One can't blame Warner for not trying to counter the Broad threat. He started the series with a middle-and-off-stump guard, but after a few lbw dismissals, started showing more of his stump to the bowler. One can make out the changes in his stance as the series went on, clouding his judgement. This made the outside edge of his bat vulnerable, as he wasn't sure where his off-stump was. Any bowler who has the ability to move the ball away from the left-hander from round the stumps will always be a potent threat, and the Dukes ball, English conditions and Broad's craft were too much for Warner.

Going the extra mile

Vinesh hates travelling, but has been globe-trotting to prepare for the World Championship tilt in Kazakhstan

Gaurav Bhatt
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

BULGARIA. CHINA. Spain, Turkey, Poland, Belarus, the last four pit-stops made in five weeks.

Fifteen days before her latest long-distance flight, to Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan for the world championships, Vinesh Phogat relived testy days spent wrestling out of the suitcase.

"I've never liked travelling. I get fatigued, my body swells up. Headache, the diet changes completely. It takes me about two days to acclimatise. Travel screws up my system, even if it's till Lucknow," said Vinesh, at her home in Haryana's Kharkhoda village. "But extensive travel was the coach's plan for the year."

Extensive travel, souvenirs of which are the bronze at the Asian Championships along with three gold and two silver medals from aforementioned destinations. Since joining forces with Hungarian Woller Akos, Vinesh has defeated World Championship silver medallist Sarah Ann Hildebrandt, bronze medallist Qianyu Pang, Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sofia Mattsson and 2018 European Championship silver medallist Roksana Zasina.

Buoyed by the haul, the 25-year-old begins her fourth world championship campaign on Tuesday. A nightmarish draw (see box) stands between her and a first Worlds medal — or at least a finish in the top six to secure an Olympic berth — but Vinesh wouldn't want it any other way. Neither would his hard taskmaster of a coach.

Vinesh became the first Indian woman to win a wrestling gold at the Asian Games last year. But that triumph came in 48kg, reached after an enfeebling weight cut. Vinesh moved up to the Olympic category of 53kg this year, and the various competitions weren't the target, but target practice.

"It was about maintaining a certain level and compete in the category as much as I could. For the coach, the only thing that matters is the World Championships."

Vinesh knew about Akos from a 2013 stint in Hungary. A desire to change the preparation this Olympic cycle made her reach out to the coach last year, and during the gold-winning Asiad campaign in Jakarta, Akos proved his worth through WhatsApp.

"Before the final (against Japanese Yuki Irie), he sent me a text saying 'control the left'. That simple point changed the entire outcome."

Travels and travails

The association between the two has been equal parts rewarding and demanding. Vinesh recalled how a training session in Lucknow, amid a power cut and the sweltering July heat, left her feeling like she'd die.

"Mat pe aag lag hui thi (the wrestling mat was on fire)," she says. "The heat and humidity had drained me. You couldn't even grip because it was so slippery from the sweat. The other girls left but of course I couldn't skip the session."



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VINESH PHOGAT
ON A SAPPING TRAINING SESSION IN LUCKNOW

'okay beta, go rest,' laughs Vinesh. In India, if you say 'by 5' it means by 5:15. With him, I have to be on the mat at 4:50. Even the other girls are shocked by my punctuality nowadays."

"Koi maar maar ke training karay, mujhe pasand nahi hai (I don't like it if somebody forces me to train)," adds the niece of Mahavir Singh Phogat and cousin of Olympians Geeta and Babita. "But you have to train well and put in the work."

"In the past, we had to do the same rhythm for training the entire year. Hard training going into a competition, hard training after the competition. If you lose, double it. We had no idea that you can have high or low periods," says Vinesh. "Here, every 15 days he'll change something. Building your power with explosiveness. Even if you do light weights, he will make you do it fast."

For explosiveness

There's a reason Vinesh brings up the word 'explosiveness' (16 times), during the conversation. In the first round of the Asian Championships in April, Japanese Mayu Mukaida muscled her out 10-0. Vinesh attributed the loss to being new to the 53kg and the resulting disparity in strength. Akos' aim has been to accentuate her power through moments of explosiveness.

"He would make you do sprints on the mat. But everything he would make you do explosively. In speed, he wants to make you do explosive. His training is more wrestling-specific. Finishing is the most important. Until you have that 'jhatka', your technique won't do anything."

It was also after the heavy loss to Mukaida that iron-fisted Akos dusted out that rare 'velvet glove' approach.

"After that loss, I took off my shoes. I was crying because I lost so badly, and I wanted to purposely lose the next bout 10-0 too. Then coach asked me to wash my face and told me, 'the competition isn't over'."

Having a personal coach also made Vinesh enviable to other wrestlers. "During the Asian Games, there was a lot of talk among other girls. 'Let's see how Vinesh does outside the camp'. But I like training by myself. Being away from the chit chat."

And thus, Vinesh moved away from the Sports Authority of India, Lucknow centre to a personal camp at Partap Sports School in Kharkhoda, a two-minute walk from her in-laws' place. Husband Somveer Rathi and Akos' wife Marianna Sastin, whom he coached to a world championship gold, have helped her out as training partners. Akos, of course, made sure the sessions were not a minute late, finger on the stopwatch and eyes on his ward.

"The coach doesn't say this is the last tournament. Here you have to do or die. If he says that this is the Olympic qualification tournament that means I might take extra pressure. He knows that there is a second chance and a third chance," says Vinesh. "I know all of this is temporary. You have to keep walking forward regardless of whether it is a win or a loss."

As tough as it can get

Vinesh Phogat's three World Championship appearances finished in 10th, 22nd and 10th spot. Her fourth campaign begins on Tuesday, and the draw is the stuff of the nightmares. Barring upsets, she faces Olympic, World and continental medallists on her way to the podium.

1ST ROUND: Sofia Mattsson from Sweden (Rio Olympics bronze medallist and 2009 world champion)

■ Vinesh defeated Mattsson 4-0 in the quarter-final of the Poland Open.

All these competitions that I took part in, I was hoping and prepared to wrestle Sofia. I knew at least I will find out what my level is. Sofia is a very good wrestler. One is to observe and the other is to actually wrestle and find out where I stand."

QUARTERFINALS: Mayu Mukaida from Japan (55kg World champion, 2017 53kg silver medallist)

■ Mukaida defeated Vinesh 10-0 at the Asian Championships.

■ At the Asian Championships, I



felt that Mukaida was definitely stronger than me. But that was also because I was still new at this weight. Even if I lose 10-0 to Japan, I know what she feels like. And if she got me by the leg, now I know I can't let that happen. I've got that feel of 53 now."



SEMIFINALS: Sarah Ann Hildebrandt from USA (World Championship silver medallist)

■ Vinesh beat Sarah 4-2 in the Dan Kolov semifinal

FINAL: Stalvira Orshush from Russia (European Champion)

■ The two haven't faced off yet.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP

Exit door slams on Duryodhan and Satish

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EKATERINBURG (RUSSIA), SEPTEMBER 16

COMMONWEALTH GAMES silver-medallist Satish Kumar (+91kg) and Duryodhan Singh Negi (69kg) paid for sluggish starts as India endured a winless outing in the World Men's Boxing Championships here on Monday. Negi lost to Jordan's Zeyad Eashash in the second round, while former Asian Games bronze-winner Satish Kumar went down 0-5 to Richard Torrez of the USA in his opening-round bout.

Negi, a former national champion, was competing in his maiden world championship. He lost 1-4 to the sixth seed. The first round belonged to Eashash as he managed to pierce Negi's defences with lusty right straights. The standout feature of Eashash's game was the power of his punches.

Negi recovered in the second round with well-placed body blows and right hooks of his own but Eashash was a step ahead of the Indian in terms of overall pace and accuracy. It wasn't the cleanest of fights and both the boxers had to be repeatedly told by the referee to avoid holding and keep their heads up. Eashash even got a warning.

Negi tried to claw back with an all-out aggressive approach in the final three minutes and even though the boxer from Jordan looked exhausted, he had just enough in the tank to pull through for a split verdict. In the evening session, Satish just couldn't find his rhythm against Torrez, who was only a shade better in connecting his attacks.

In a slow-paced contest, both the boxers were guilty of holding and clinching too often. Torrez, however, managed to be the aggressor and caught Satish off-guard with his straight hits.

Naveen stays in medal contention

NUR-SULTAN (KAZAKHSTAN): The Indians finally showed some stomach for fight as Gurpreet Singh impressed in defeat at the hands of former world champion Viktor Nemes, while Naveen stayed in medal contention, albeit with a bit of luck, here on Monday.

Naveen was the first to lose, to 2018 Pan-American champion Oscar Pino Hinds by technical superiority, but the Cuban reached the final to help the Indian stay alive in the 130kg category of Greco Roman style.

Naveen now has to first win against Heiki Nabi from Estonia and then defeat Kyrgyzstan's Murat Ramonov to reach the bronze medal round. It was Gurpreet Singh (77kg) and Manish (60kg) who brought some cheers to the dejected Indian camp by winning their respective first rounds convincingly.

In a sensational start, Gurpreet pinned Austria's Michael Wagner after wriggling out of a difficult head-lock position, while Manish won his 1/16 round against Finland's Lauri Johannnes Maekonen by technical superiority.

Gurpreet later fought his heart out against world number two Serbian to make exit from the championships. "I have learnt my lessons. Mere power and stamina won't do. And it has to be a combination of two techniques to win against these wrestlers," Gurpreet told PTI after his bout. The wrestler from Mohali said he genuinely thought of winning a medal and Olympic qualification.

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GURPREET SINGH

77KG WRESTLER



Misbah's main focus: fitness and nutrition

Pakistan's new head coach and chief selector Misbah-ul-Haq has changed the diet and nutrition plans for players in the domestic tournaments and in the national camp. Misbah has issued standing orders that no heavy diet would be available to the players during the domestic season and in the national camp as players have to attain peak fitness to make the national squad. "No more Biryani or oily rich red meat meals or sweet dishes for the players now," said a member of a catering company managing the food plan for the players in a match of the Quaid-e-Azam Trophy. Misbah has issued orders that only barbecue items and pasta with lots of fruits should be on the menu for all teams in the domestic season while the same diet plan would be followed in the national camps.

Nagal rises to career best 159 in rankings

Continuing his good run, India's Sumit Nagal jumped 15 places to achieve a career-high ranking of 159 in the latest ATP rankings released on Monday. The 22-year-old from Haryana ended runners up in the Banja Luka ATP Challenger following a first round appearance at the US Open last month. He had leapfrogged 16 places after his first-round exit in the US Open where he took a set off Swiss maestro Roger Federer before losing the match. Meanwhile, Prajneesh Gunneswaran continued his run in the top-100. He rose three places to be world no. 82.. Ramkumar Ramanathan slipped three spots to be 179th, rounding up the top-three Indians in the men's singles.

India enter men's team quarterfinals in TT

The Indian men's team booked a quarterfinal berth in the ITTF Asian Table Tennis Championships with a 3-0 win over Thailand in Yogyakarta on Monday. After blanking out Kuwait and Sri Lanka with identical 3-0 wins in the group stages yesterday, India entered the knockout stage of the 1st Division. In the knockout stage they defeated minnows Saudi Arabia (3-1) and followed it up with a 3-0 triumph over Thailand to enter the final of the 1st Division.



Despite the US Open triumph, Nadal remained at No. 2 in recent rankings.

Nadal to launch 2020 season in Perth

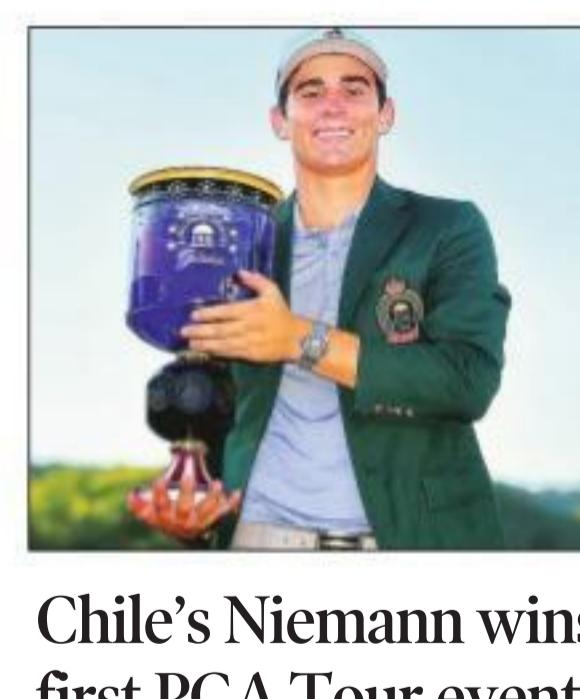
U.S. Open champion Rafael Nadal will start his 2020 season on the opposite side of Australia to Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer when he leads Spain in a group-stage qualifier in the new ATP Cup team competition. Spain was drawn into Group B with Japan and Georgia and will play in Perth on Australia's west coast, where the U.S. team, Daniil Medvedev's Russia team and Italy will also be competing in Group D. Nadal collected his 19th major title, moving within one of Federer's record for men, when he held off Medvedev 7-5, 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 6-4 in a U.S. Open final that lasted nearly five hours. Nadal remained at No. 2 in the rankings, behind Djokovic, and Medvedev moved up to career-best No. 4. Djokovic's Serbia squad was drawn into Group A along with France and South Africa in one of two groups based in Brisbane on Australia's east coast, along with Australia, Germany, Canada and Greece in Group F.

Matic vows to fight for Man United spot

Manchester United midfielder Nemanja Matic is frustrated by his limited playing opportunities at the start of the Premier League campaign but will continue to fight for his place in the team. The 31-year-old Serb lost his spot to academy graduate Scott McTominay at the heart of United's midfield but made his first start in five matches replacing the injured Paul Pogba in Saturday's 1-0 victory over Leicester City. Asked if being dropped by manager Ole Gunnar Solskjær had left him frustrated, Matic told reporters: "Of course... I want to play, I always give my best for the team. "The coach is the man who picks the team and when you're on the bench you're not happy."

Pliskova qualifies for WTA Finals

World number two Karolina Pliskova has become the second singles player to qualify for the season-ending WTA Finals in Shenzhen after top-ranked Ash Barty, the 27-year-old Czech won the inaugural Zhengzhou Open on Sunday, adding to trophies won in Brisbane, Rome and Eastbourne, and will make her fourth appearance in the Oct. 27-Nov. 3 Finals which offer \$14 million in prize money. "It's always a goal of mine to qualify for the WTA Finals, and I'm proud to have done it for my fourth time."



Chile's Niemann wins first PGA Tour event

Joaquin Niemann fired a closing round of 64 to capture The Greenbrier by six strokes and became the first Chilean to win on the US PGA Tour. The 20-year-old Niemann roared home with three straight birdies on his final three holes on Sunday, capping it off with a 25-foot bomb on 18 at the Old White TPC course in Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. He is the youngest non-American winner on the Tour since 1923 and the first third round leader to hold on and claim this event. Niemann was overcome with emotion while being interviewed by a television reporter as he walked off the green at 18 and realized the magnitude of his victory. "I have been thinking about this my whole life. I don't even think I realize what happened today. It's crazy. I am really happy for all the support, my family, my coach.... It's just crazy, sorry," he said through tears of joy.

BRIEFLY

SA's fastest woman caught doping

South Africa's fastest female sprinter Carina Horn has been provisionally suspended after testing positive for a banned substance, the IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit said on Monday. Horn, who last year became the first South African woman to run the 100 metres in less than 11 seconds, tested positive for Ibutamoren and the anabolic agent LGD-4033, according to the unit. "The AIU confirms a provisional suspension against South African sprinter Carina Horn for the presence of a prohibited substance, a violation of the @iaaforg Anti-Doping Rules," a statement on Twitter read. Ibutamoren, also known as MK-677, is reputed to boost growth hormone levels while LGD-4033 is used to increase muscle mass.

Provisional suspensions are mandatory under IAAF Anti-Doping rules following an adverse finding for any non-specified substance on the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) banned list. Horn, 30, clocked 10.98 seconds in Doha this year to set a new national record and reached the 100m semi-finals at the Rio Olympics.

ATP Cup: Murray to face Federer

Roger Federer is set to give Andy Murray's hip an early season workout, with Switzerland drawn to face Great Britain in the group phase of the inaugural ATP Cup. Former world number one Murray has played only a handful of singles matches since having a career-saving hip surgery earlier this year but qualified for the nation-based tournament with a protected ranking. Murray said last week he still needed four to five months to get up to the speed of old rivals Federer and Rafa Nadal, and with the ATP Cup to kick off Jan. 3, he has work ahead of him. Switzerland and Britain will also meet Belgium Group C in Sydney, as revealed at the tournament's draw ceremony in the same city on Monday. The 24 national teams play in six groups of four for group stage, round-robin play, with the group winners and the two best second-placed finishers across the groups reaching the ATP Cup Finals in Sydney.

Italian police arrests hardline Juve fans

Italian police on Monday arrested 12 leading Juventus hardline fans as part of a major investigation into violence and extortion linked to match ticket sales. The suspects are accused of criminal association, aggravated extortion, money laundering and violence, police said. The arrests were the culmination of a year-long probe centred on the alleged blackmail of ticketing officials by the "ultras", who wanted cut-price blocks of tickets they could sell to fellow fans. They reportedly began threatening to sing racist chants during matches -- which would lead to the club being hit with fines and possibly having points deducted -- after Juventus stopped distributing blocks of tickets for resale in 2017, Italian media said. Police said the hardcore groups had set up a "widespread criminal strategy to 'restore' lost favours". Those arrested included the heads of the Drughi, Tradizione-Antichi Valori, Viking, Nucleo 1985 and Quelli ... di via Filadelfia groups, police said in a statement.

MIHIR VASAVDA
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 16

HOW FAR are scientists willing to go to investigate the limits of human endurance in sport? This month, they are about to insert radio transmitters and batteries into an athlete's system to find out just that. Moments before midnight on September 27, when they will assemble at the start/finish line of the marathon at the World Championships, a bunch of runners will pop an ingestible electronic pill. The capsule -- standard-sized, weighing 1.7 gram -- will pass through the stomach, into the large intestine. From there, it will record the body's core temperature.

This, researchers argue, is a more dignified -- and reliable -- method to measure the core temperature rather than inserting a rectal thermometer. And the data compiled, they hope, will help them investigate the effects of hot weather conditions on elite athletes, which will, in turn, be used to protect them during next year's Tokyo Olympics where concerns have been raised over athletes' safety due to possible heat exhaustion.

On the face of it, the track and field World Championships, which get underway in Doha on September 27, will be a crucial precursor to the Olympic Games. Behind the scenes, though, the Worlds will be a testing ground for scientific studies to examine the correlations between performance and temperature, and to monitor the reactions of competing in extreme climates.

Male and female athletes competing in the 10,000m, marathon, 20km and 50km race-walk events have volunteered to be part of the study, according to the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF), which is conducting the research. These events are considered to be of high risk, given September temperatures in Doha generally, hover around 35 degree Celsius.

SAFE TO INGEST

The e-pill, IAAF claims, is harmless and will be excreted out of the system within 48 hours of consumption. "Athletes will receive individual information on their personal results, profile and hydration status, as well as how they compare to the average of their competitors," the world governing body's spokesperson said. "The knowledge gained will help these volunteers to prepare for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games and other events in the heat."

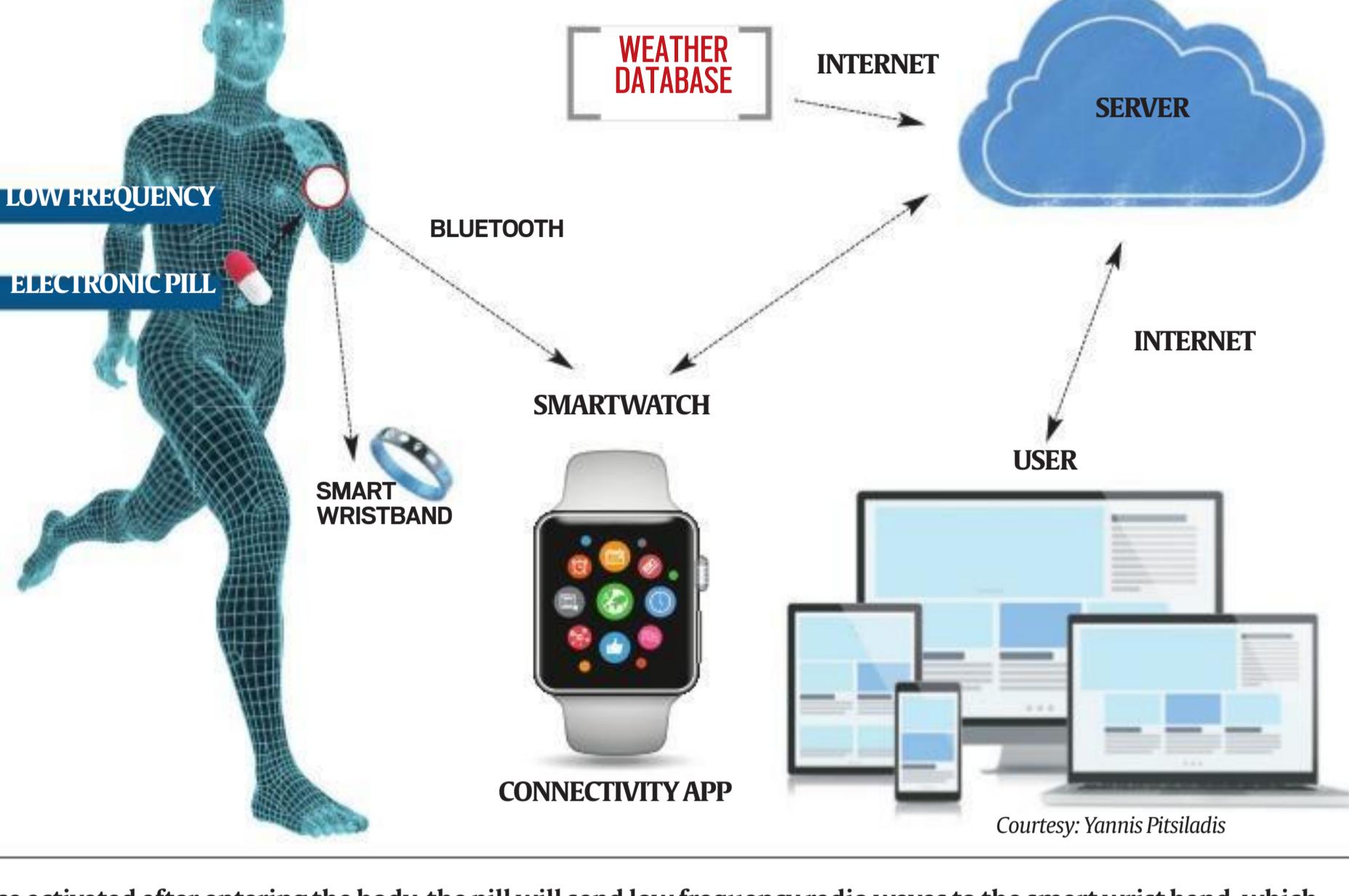
The World Anti Doping Agency (WADA), too, has expressed no reservations. "Temperature-monitoring devices, in general, are not prohibited and there doesn't seem to be any substance delivered in this process (let alone a prohibited one) so it would not seem to fall under any area of concern for WADA," a spokesperson said.

E-equating endurance

An electronic pill to measure the endurance levels of athletes will be trialled at the World Championships in Doha

Real-time player

Through a wireless hook-up, the ingestible electronic pill can tell coaches and medical staff how the athlete is faring under extreme climate conditions.



Courtesy: Yannis Pitsiladis

Once activated after entering the body, the pill will send low frequency radio waves to the smart wrist band, which converts radio waves into Bluetooth and analysts can then, through the mobile network or internet, get all the information on mobile phone or computer.

The track and field athletes won't be the first to use the e-pills. It is believed that Australia's hockey team were the pioneers in the sport, using it at the Beijing Olympics. In 2015, footballers at French club Nantes consumed these pills in training as well as competition while some cyclists at the 2016 Road World Championships -- also in Doha -- also tried them as part of a research.

What is new, however, is the technology that is currently being developed to supplement these 'thermometer pills'. Even as the e-pills will be trialled at the Worlds, scientists at the University of Brighton are developing a system, which they hope to roll out at the Olympics, that will relay the results in real-time and not after the event, which will be the case in Doha. Through a wireless hook-up, the technology can tell coaches and medical staff how the athlete is faring under extreme climate conditions.

This technology is being developed by

Yannis Pitsiladis, a professor sports science at the University of Brighton and one of the founders of the Sub-2 Project, an ambitious quest to make a human being run a marathon inside two hours without the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

"I am not interested in developing thermo 'pills'; they are already developed. That is not a novel idea in itself," Pitsiladis said over the phone from Eastbourne, UK. "What is novel is to take the idea which has existed for 20 years and modernise it, make it useful in sport. What I am doing is transmitting the important information from the pill to the user, support team, or medical staff and the challenge is to do this in real time."

Pitsiladis will use similar pills -- although not necessarily by the same manufacturer -- which will perform the same sensory role. The "clever bit", he said, is the smart wrist band which he's developing; a gadget that resembles your usual physical activity tracker.

"The pill is identifiable, it has a unique number. Once activated after entering the body, the pill will send low-frequency radio waves to the Sub2 smart band. All the band is doing is converting radio waves into Bluetooth and you can then, through the mobile network or the internet, get all the information on your mobile phone or computer," Pitsiladis explained.

COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS

The data, the 52-year-old Greek scientist said, will help them understand the makings of the elite athlete -- their body temperature, heart rate, cortisol levels, ECG, body balance. Broadcasters can flash this information on TV screens during races, as if the athletes were F1 cars. "If you look at F1, cycling, rugby... more and more information is being transmitted onto the screen. It is all about what the individual experiences," Pitsiladis said.

Crucially, he argued, the real-time technology will help in making the sport safer. At

the Commonwealth Games last year, Scotland's Callum Hawkins was in a gold medal position after 40km of the 42km course on a scorching day in Gold Coast. Just then, he collapsed and could not finish the race.

The weather conditions in Tokyo next year are expected to be similar, if not hotter. As a member of the International Olympic Committee's medical and scientific commission, and a part of the expert group that is monitoring the conditions in Tokyo, Pitsiladis has been working closely with the organizing committee over this issue.

The conditions, he said, will be around 32 degree Celsius or even as high as 40 degree Celsius, with humidity of around 60 percent. "For certain sports, these conditions could make competition quite dangerous," he said, adding that events such as marathon, race walking and triathlon are some events that have been identified as 'high risk.'

"The IOC -- and I'm not speaking for them right now, I am only one of the members of the commission or expert group -- is conducting a very thorough investigation in order to implement as many changes they can make sure athletes, spectators, officials are safe," Pitsiladis said. "Last year during the same months of the games, there were a large amount of deaths -- about 57 deaths and more than 18,000 people taken to hospitals due to heat-related medical issues over the week starting the 29th July 2019 in Japan; the exact date of the Tokyo Olympics next year. So it would be remiss of the IOC not to take action."

SAFER FUTURE

Analysing body functions in real-time will allow an athlete's support team to alter on-field strategies and take precautionary measures to prevent physical problems due to heat stress; and in rare events, even withdraw the athlete from the race -- just like how a referee stops a bout to prevent a boxer from getting seriously hurt.

Pitsiladis said his team is 'working around the clock' get the innovations ready in time for Tokyo Olympics -- and even convince the IOC to try it at a test event in build-up to the Games. There were reports that the IAAF would use his technology at the Doha World Championships. However, they will just be using the pill and not study its findings in real time.

"What the IAAF is doing in Doha is important as it (the event) is in Doha. For the first time, it will allow us to understand what the real temperature challenges athletes face -- the male and female differences, different sports," Pitsiladis said. "We want to measure everything about the individual -- we need to understand the makings of the elite athlete. It (e-pill) may seem strange now. But this is going to become normal in the very near future."

Italian football expert dropped after Lukaku 'banana' comment

REUTERS
ROME, SEPTEMBER 16

A VETERAN Italian pundit has been told he will not be invited back onto one of the country's Sunday night round table programmes after suggesting Inter Milan forward Romelu Lukaku could only be stopped by giving him bananas to eat.

The remark came two weeks after Belgium striker Lukaku, who has only been playing in Italy for one month, was subjected to monkey chants by supporters at Cagliari when he stepped up to take a penalty against the Sardinian side. Luciano Passirani was praising Lukaku's qualities when he made the remark during the Qui Studio a Voi Stadio programme on Telelombardia.

"Lukaku is one of the best signings Inter

could have made. I don't see another player like him on any other team in Italy, not in Milan, in Juventus, in Roma, in Lazio," he said. "This guy kills you in one-on-ones, if you go against him, you will fall. Either you have 10 bananas to eat, that you give to him, or..."

The presenter immediately reprimanded Passirani, who said the remark was meant as a joke. Fabio Ravezzani, the programme director, later announced that, despite being "the first person to apologise", Passirani would not be appearing again.

"Mr Passirani is 80 years old and to compliment Lukaku he used a metaphor that turned out to be racist," he said.

Lukaku said last month that football was going backwards in the fight against racism. After the Cagliari incident, the Curva Nord group of hardcore Inter fans posted a message on Facebook which claimed the behaviour of Cagliari fans was

not racist.

"You have to understand that Italy is not like many other north European countries where racism is a REAL problem. We understand that it could have seemed racist to you, but it is not like that," it said.

Italian football has been blighted by racism incidents over the last decade. In 2013, AC Milan walked off the pitch during a friendly against a lower division side in protest at racist chanting against some of their players. In 2014, Carlo Tavecchio was elected head of the Italian Football Federation (FIGC) weeks after making a comment about a fictitious African player he named Opt Poba "eating bananas."

The FIGC cleared him of wrongdoing but he was barred from holding any position with soccer's world governing body FIFA for six months. He resigned in 2017 after Italy failed to qualify for the World Cup in Russia.



Inter Milan's Belgian striker Romelu Lukaku was subjected to monkey chants by supporters at Cagliari just two weeks back. Reuters

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Klopp expects daunting ride as defending champs eye Istanbul return



Liverpool manager Jürgen Klopp during a training session at Melwood ahead of their Champions League opener against Napoli. Reuters

AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE
LONDON, SEPTEMBER 16

JURGEN KLOPP has warned Liverpool that retaining the Champions League will be even harder than their incredible march to victory in Madrid last season. Klopp's side start their bid to win a seventh European Cup with a trip to Napoli for their Group E opener on Tuesday. The Reds have reached the last two Champions League finals, beating Tottenham in the Spanish capital in June after losing to Real Madrid 12 months earlier.

But Klopp believes Liverpool face a daunting task to make it to the final in Istanbul's Ataturk Stadium -- a venue which carries extra resonance for the club after they won the 2005 Champions League with an astonishing comeback against AC Milan in the same stadium.

Before Liverpool can dream of emulating Steven Gerrard and company's triumph by the banks of the Bosphorus, Klopp knows they will have to run the gauntlet in what he expects to be a fiercely contested tournament. Napoli are expected to pose the sternest test to Liverpool in a group which also includes unfancied Salzburg and Genk.

Carlo Ancelotti's team came within a whisker of ending Liverpool's European campaign in the group stage last season when Alisson Becker's superb late save denied Arkadiusz Milik to preserve a 1-0 win at Anfield that sent the Reds into the last 16 at the expense of Napoli.

Even if Liverpool should advance to the knockout rounds without so much drama this season, Klopp is wary of the restocked superpowers certain to be lying in wait in the latter stages. "I will have no problem with it (reaching the final) if it happens again, but at this moment I am not too sure it will," he said when the draw was made in August.

"We have the same chance like everyone else, but that is all, and I don't see us, the English teams, dominating. I really think a lot of teams have a good chance."

"Look at the squad Borussia Dortmund has and tell me we are stronger than them. That is incredible. They can make five changes and you think: 'Really, they didn't play last week? Why?' There are a lot of quality teams. Juventus will be there, PSG will be there. Real Madrid? Do you think they gave up already? Bayern Munich now finally brought in Perisic and Coutinho

which is a big boost."

While Liverpool will always have a special relationship with the Champions League after the club's dominance of the competition in the 1970s and 1980s, it is not hard to believe that some die-hard Kopites would happily exchange their continental supremacy for a season of domestic bliss.

Having erased the pain of that 2018 final defeat against Real, Liverpool's main goal this term is to end the club's long wait to win the English title. Pipped to the Premier League trophy by Manchester City on the final day of last season, Liverpool are desperate to win the title for the first time since 1990.

That desire has been clear to see in a blistering five-game winning streak which has already taken them to the top of the table this season.

Chelsea revival

It is a sign of the changed days at Stamford Bridge that Chelsea go into a Champions League clash with Valencia on Tuesday as an example of stability and long-term planning. The Europa League winners return to European football's top tier under new management in Frank Lampard and having ushered in a new era where youth

will be given its chance to shine rather than depending on the deep pockets of Russian owner Roman Abramovich.

There have been a few early bumps on the road for Lampard, a returning hero for the fans after scoring a club record 211 goals and winning 13 trophies, including Chelsea's only Champions League crown, as a player.

A 4-0 opening day defeat to Manchester United and blowing a 2-0 lead to draw 2-2 at home to newly-promoted Sheffield United exposed the frailties in relying on an inexperienced core of players. But Lampard's faith in youth has largely been justified.

Led by a hat-trick from Tammy Abraham, Chelsea thrashed Wolves 5-2 on Saturday to move level with United, Tottenham, Arsenal and Leicester in the early race for Champions League football again next season.

Fikayo Tomori also struck his first goal for the club at Molineux, while Mason Mount continued the form that earned him an England call-up with his third goal in five games. All 11 league goals scored by Chelsea so far this season have now come from that trio, all of whom have graduated through the club's academy but were shipped out on loan under previous managers.



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